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Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show

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Family's joy at arrival of Eryn – and a big 'thank you' to local baby unit



ABOVE:
Happy family – Mark and Sarah Brennan with baby Eryn.

A mum from Llantwit Major, who gave birth to a beautiful little girl after losing 10 babies, has thanked Princess of Wales Hospital staff in Bridgend who cared for her daughter in her first weeks of life.

Sarah Brennan was so grateful to the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend that she nominated it for a charitable donation – leading to her employer presenting the unit with £500.

Sarah and husband Mark are understandably excited about daughter Eryn's first birthday next month.

But for a long time they had to cope with heartbreak after heartbreak, going through 10 miscarriages in as many years.

The couple had only just been placed on the IVF waiting list when they found out 36-year-old Sarah was pregnant.

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THE SMILES (AND ENVELOPES) THAT SAY 'DIDN'T WE DO WELL?'



BRYNTEG Comprehensive pupils are looking to further their education after successful A-Level results.

Mr Jenkins, the headteacher, said: "We are delighted with this year's results, which reflect the hard work of students and staff at Brynteg."

"We have sustained last year's

excellent achievements. We congratulate 41 students who achieved an A* or A grade.

"Continuing the tradition of excellence at Brynteg, the vast majority of our students are now looking forward to attending their first choice of university."

"We wish all of our students every success for the future!"

Pictured are: Todd Dale, Harry Davies, Stephanie Davies, Emily March, Abbey Roderick, Alys Harrop, Elinor Schofield, Samantha Tiernan, Emmi Khan, Katie Kwan.

Praise for A-Level students

EDUCATION chiefs in Bridgend have praised students for putting the county borough firmly in the 'above average' category in Wales.

For more details on how local schools performed, see pages 4, 6, 7 and 8.



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Who wants to build what in Bridgend, and where?

Bestway Group – 77a High Street, Nantyffyllon, Maesteg – Two fascia signs, one projector sign and two window vinyl graphics.

Bestway Group – 1 Talbot Street, Maesteg – Two internally illuminated projectors and seven non-illuminated window vinyls.

BCBC Parks Manager – Wooded area next to 1 Tremains Court, Brackla – Fell one ash tree and works to one other ash tree including removal of limbs and deadwood and reshape the canopy.

Mr DA Thomas – 34 Cefn Road, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend – Two storey rear extension, detached garden store to rear, front porch and raised dormer windows to front.

Royal Bank of Scotland – NatWest, 26 Adare Street, Bridgend – New signage, external cleaning, redeck and restoration, internal alterations and change a side window to a door.

Mr P Colston – Land east of 7 Garnwen Road, Maesteg – Demolish existing garage and construct new garage and new retaining wall to provide space for four parking spaces.

Windsor Properties (Cardiff) Ltd – Former Woodstock Inn, Station Road, Kenfig Hill – Demolish building and erect nine dwelling units (seven houses and two flats).

Mr Robert Morgan – Ffordd y Gyfraith Farm, Ffordd Y Gyfraith, Bridgend – Reserved matters to P/12/897/OUT for an agricultural workers' dwelling.

Renewable Energy Ptnp Ltd – Newton Down to Stormy Lane, Stormy Down – Install underground electricity cabling to connect wind farm to distribution network with associated works.

Mr Donald Shobbrook – 35 Heol Las, North Cornelly – Ramped access arrangements to front entrance door from handstanding.

Belman Design – 56 Longfellow Drive, Cefn Glas – Additional dormer to existing bedroom at front and side.

Mr J Evans – 33 Hollyhock Drive, Brackla – Garage extension to front. Mr A Pitt – 8 Dol Nant Dderwen, Broadlands, Bridgend – Balcony

above a permitted development extension to rear of property.

Mr Richard Knight – Grain store building, South Road Farm, Fulmar Road, Nottage, Porthcawl – Demolish existing grain store, general site clearance and preparation for redevelopment of site.

Western Power Distribution – Land south and south east of Gilfach Uchaf Farm, Llangynwyd – The erection and extension of a 66,000 volt overhead line together with all wood poles and stays that are necessary.

Mr Richard Knight – South Road Farm, Fulmar Road, Porthcawl – Demolish grain store building and construct a two storey dwelling with attached garage.

Mr Tirlok Singh Chana – 129 Caerau Road, Caerau, Maesteg – Change of use of ground floor newsagents to residential use and reinstate traditional window opening.

Mr Huw Ebenezer – 155 Park Street, Bridgend – Single storey rear extension.

Mr N Thomas – 1 and 2 Shepherd's Yard, off Australian Terrace, Bridgend – Change of use from light industrial unit to mattress recycling centre.

Mr Steve Lewis – 8 Llan Road, Llangynwyd, Maesteg – Retrospective application for excavation of part of garden, new retaining wall and new outer wall for drive.

Mr Colin John – 12 Ton Tylluan, Broadlands, Bridgend – Proposed conversion of an existing garage to create a habitable space.

BCBC Highway Services – Lorne Stewart car park, Brackla Street, Bridgend – Temporary staff car park.

Mr E and Mrs P Hughes – Mayfield, Laleston – Outline application to demolish two dwellings and erect one dwelling and garage.

Vale of Glamorgan Planning Dept – Corntown Farm, Corntown, Vale of Glamorgan – Solar PV farm including site access, service roads, fencing, CCTV, cabling, substations and landscaping.

PORTHCAWL'S CLEAN-UP BRIGADE!



MUSICAL REWARD FOR BEACH CLEAN



ON Saturday, August 15, bottles to car parts. The volunteers were rewarded for their hard work with a fine buffet lunch, provided by Sker House, a tour of the house and musical entertainment from Col Canto. They collected 65 bags of assorted debris, from plastic

place two or three times a year between Rest Bay and Sker beaches.

The photos show some of the volunteers ready for the clean-up and the group from Col Canto who provided the musical entertainment.

Good show for Pencoed WI!

JULY 25 was the Federation's annual show at North Cornelly and Pencoed WI did well again this year.

New member Lorna came third in the painting competition with her painting of a cow, and Jan was highly recommended for her painting of a dog.

Chris was also highly recommended for her story. Chris, Jan and Doreen's stories were read to the members at the August meeting. Chris has also had a photo accepted for the 2016 W.I. calendar, so congratulations all round and thanks to other members who submitted entries.

The August speaker was Jane Manuel and her talk was entitled 'Don't put your daughter on the stage.' She explained that her

grandmother, her mother, herself and now her daughter, were involved in the theatre.

September will be a busy month, we will be having fun and games at our meeting, we have entered a team for the federation quiz, theatre group are going to see Love Me Tender, and some are going to the Welsh conference.

At the end of the month, we are hosting the link meeting which is an afternoon tea with a 50s/60s theme.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Pencoed Welfare hall from 1.45pm to 4.15pm, for more information, ring Val on 01656 862181 or Pat on 01656 860289. Visitors welcome.

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Centenary cake on the Silver Salmon!

TO celebrate the WI centenary, Merthyr Mawr WI recently set out to Bristol for a cruise on the River Avon.

We set off from Bridgend in good spirits and luckily it was a dry day, although it could have been a little warmer. Arriving in Bristol, we were dropped at the Harbourside. There was time for us to wander around, have a coffee and visit the M Shed.

The M Shed is a museum showing the amazing history of Bristol from prehistoric times through to the present day through rare and quirky objects and stories of the people who have made the city what it is today.

We boarded the Silver Salmon, which was to take us up the river. Starting off through the

swing bridge, we had delightful views of the picturesque scenery as we cruised leisurely upstream.

We finished by touring the historic harbour area and passing Brunel's SS Great Britain, the world's first luxury cruise liner.

While on board, we enjoyed a buffet meal and president Margaret Batten cut a special celebratory centenary cake.

August saw members enjoying the annual summer dinner. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 2 at 7pm in Corntown Community Hall, when Dorian Price will be talking about 'Life as a commissioner for the EU.'

New members are always welcome. Fiona Cater

Family creates international success story



REGIONAL Tory AM Suzy Davies has visited a successful Pencoed firm that employs 250 people.

The Fields Group, based at Bocam Park, has a number of related businesses working in the IT and marketing areas. The company operates a successful data recovery operation – the largest in Europe – as well as marketing and market research carried out to many countries in Europe.

Managing director Jamie Wallis, who lives in Pencoed, explained that the company was set up in the late 1990s by his father, Daryl, who remains chairman.

The family originates from Betws, but Jamie moved to Ogmere Vale with his parents when he was a child. After attending Brynteg Comprehensive school, he won a place at Oxford to study chemistry, and

then went into the field of astro-biology in which he has a doctorate. He is due to give a lecture on this subject in San Diego shortly.

The company has expanded in recent years and occupies seven of the 25 units at Bocam Park. Jamie, aged 31, took over three years ago and the company advertises its services extensively on Google and Facebook.

Suzy Davies, commented: "This is the kind of drive we need to see. It only goes to prove that we do have people in Wales with massive entrepreneurial talents."

"This family has created an international business which provides well-paid jobs for a highly skilled workforce. This is the 'value-added' element that we need to exploit in Wales and demonstrates the massive importance of having a first-rate education to study chemistry, and system."

Artists' autumn exhibition

AN autumn exhibition by the Wick group of artists to be held at the Old Hall, Cowbridge Community College from September 3 – 24. Open 10am – 4pm weekdays.

This is a varied exhibition of paintings in different media. All welcome. For further information call 07941 203939.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 27)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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22 Sat	11.37	8.3	23.56	8.1
23 Sun			12.28	7.9
24 Mon	00.57	7.7	13.42	7.6
25 Tues	02.19	7.5	15.09	7.7
26 Wed	03.47	7.8	16.27	8.2
27 Thur	04.56	8.4	17.22	9.1

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

Porthcawl man (33) was 'addicted' to child pornography

A CHILD pornography "addict" has been given an extended sentence of 12 years at Cardiff Crown Court.

Thomas Jones, 33, of Lake View Close, Porthcawl, admitted a total of 12 charges.

The sentence involves six years in custody and on his release, he will be on licence for nine years. He was also ordered to register as a sex offender for life and made subject to an indefinite sexual harm prevention order.

The charge involved possessing hundreds of indecent photographs of children, engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child, causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual activity, and attempting to arrange the commission of a child sex offence.

Said Judge Neil Bidder QC: "I have to sentence you for a series of sexual offences involving children under 11 years old."

He said that when arrested, Jones had been "surprisingly frank with the police" and admitted being addicted to child pornography.

Jones also recognised he needed treatment. Added the judge: "You have in all probability a personality disorder. The offending was planned and became increasingly serious."

Jones, he continued, had little insight into the harm the offences caused.

The Judge described him as intelligent, but with anti-social views.

Prosecutor Eugene Egan said that on April 4, police officers went to Jones' address in Porthcawl and seized his laptop computer and a Nokia phone.

The police discovered hundreds of indecent images in all three categories, from the most serious to the least serious.

He told the police he had "dark, sexual fantasies" and described himself as a loner and a recluse.

He confessed that he fantasised about having sex with children although he had never acted on those fantasies, and never carried them through to actual activity.

His solicitor, Nick Hartland, said he was never devious or manipulative and had always been candid.

Clearly, said Mr Hartland, Jones had a chaotic upbringing and was heavily reliant on alcohol and

drugs: "There are some mental health concerns and he acknowledges he has a problem," said Mr Hartland.

He pointed out that he had no relevant convictions, but there were aggravating features in the case.

The Judge said that in passing the sentence, he had to consider the risk that Jones presented to the public, especially to young, female children.

Men are jailed after releasing wild boars during robbery

WILD boars are at large in the Maesteg area following a burglary at a farm last year where they were commercially bred.

A gang of three were sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court to a total of more than 11 years imprisonment.

Recorder David Aubrey QC said: "Some of these creatures are likely still in the wild, and breeding. They are extremely dangerous, powerful animals that are capable of causing damage and injury."

He said the men were part of a sophisticated gang that had deliberately targeted an isolated farm.

He said that the enterprise had been professionally planned and executed by determined criminals.

Adam John (30) of Water Street, Port Talbot, was sent to prison for four years for burglary and for possessing criminal property.

Carl John (27) of Bridge Street, Bridgend, received three years and eight months for burglary, allowing an animal to escape and possessing criminal property and James Marlow (29) also of Water Street, Port Talbot, received three years and eight months for burglary, allowing animals to escape and causing unnecessary suffering to an animal.

Prosecutor Heath Edwards said the pre-planned burglary took place at Bryn Mynach Farm, Maesteg in April last year and when the men were on the premises, which were unoccupied for three hours, on the farm were 78 wild boar and 42 boarlets.

They were worth between £350 and £1,600 each.

They were kept in secure conditions but during the burglary, were released.

The owner of the

property, Greg Davies, was the only licensed breeder in Wales.

During the burglary, said Mr Edwards, the three cut through an electric fence. Their intention had been to steal expensive equipment and tools, but during the burglary, two boars were stolen.

Some boars returned to the farm, said Mr Edwards, but some are still running wild in the area. Damage to the farm cost £4,500 and tools stolen were worth £3,485.

After the burglary, the men went to an address in Ewenny Road, Maesteg.

The prosecutor said that two boars were slaughtered in a van they used and Marlow cut the throat of one of them.

An anonymous call was made to the police and the three were arrested soon afterwards.

The consequences of the burglary, said Mr Edwards, were alarming.

Police, helped by the local authority, Cardiff University and Natural Resources Wales, took part in the operation that followed.

Cage traps were set up in an effort to catch some of the boars.

An ecologist and other experts took part in the search for the animals, an operation which would have cost £21,000, but no bill was sent.

Mr Edwards said: "12 boars are known to be living wild and 15 boarlets are unaccounted for."

Matthew Roberts, for Adam John, said his client drove the van involved and played a subordinate role.

Others were involved, he said, but had escaped justice.

Rhys Davies, for Carl John, said he accepted full responsibility for his involvement and Ieuan Jeffries for Marlow, said an aggravating feature was that he killed an animal.

COMMUNITY CAFE GETS HELPING HAND FROM A SUPERMARKET FUND



Volunteers at Coychurch Community café holding up training certificates.

COYCHURCH community café recently received a donation from the Sainsbury's community fund of £450 towards trips and activities to promote health and wellbeing for the over-50s.

The group is supported by Age Connects Morgannwg and Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) as part of the Big Lottery funded

Community Companions befriending for over-50s scheme.

Coychurch community café meets every other Thursday, 10am - 1pm at the Williams Memorial Hall in Coychurch and aims to reduce isolation and loneliness through group activities, companionship and events.

Volunteers have attended training courses, including a level 1 food hygiene award and a chair of Coychurch community café, Sara Lawton, is planning to

run armchair exercises. Sarah said: "Running an exercise session will allow us to provide a useful activity for those who attend the group. The gentle exercise is suitable for those with low mobility and will help to keep us active."

Throughout Bridgend county borough, there are community companion cafés for over-50s. To find out where the nearest café is to you, call BAVO on 01656 810400.

Charity walk for the RNLI

PORTHCAWL RNLI fundraisers have planned a charity walk to celebrate their 50th anniversary in Porthcawl.

Walkers of all ages are invited to join the event which will start at 10am, Sunday September 13 at the lifeboat station, Porthcawl harbour.

The walk will consist of three routes to suit different ages and abilities.

Route 1 will be a walk along the seafront to Rest Bay and return - 5km.

Route 2, the seafront, Rest Bay then to Sker Point and return - 10km.

Route 3, the seafront, Rest Bay, Sker Point and then Kenfig Nature Reserve and return - 15km. (Each of the distances quoted is an approximation.)

Spokesperson and organiser Bob Twitty of Porthcawl RNLI said: "I hope that many of our friends and supporters will turn out and have a good day out raising valuable funds to support our volunteer crews here in Porthcawl. The Route 3 walk will be clearly signposted through Kenfig dunes to Kenfig Nature Reserve."

Lifeboat operations manager at Porthcawl, Philip Missen MBE, said: "We rely totally on charity money raised in various ways to cover the cost of our equipment etc. From crew dry suits to our modern lifeboat fleet, all costs are met by the public supporting our charity."

"Here in Porthcawl we have had a busy summer season, on a few occasions our lifeboats have launched three times in a day to rescue people. We

are grateful to everyone who supports us and we wish all walkers on this event a good day out with the knowledge that their fundraising is very much appreciated."

Details of the Walk and sponsorship forms can be found on our website www.porthcawl-lifeboat.co.uk and on Facebook - Porthcawl RNLI and Twitter @porthcawl_rnli.

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Celebrations at Porthcawl Comprehensive School as students set new A-level records



Becky Wardman and mum and dad!



Georgia Budding and proud parents.

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AT Porthcawl Comprehensive School, 169 students sat 450 A-level papers, the largest ever entry and the pass rate (A* – E) was a fantastic 99 per cent.

A spokeswoman said: "This outstanding performance underlines Porthcawl as a truly inclusive school. Students have reached, and in most cases exceeded, their predicted potential.

"There were many outstanding performers, with 20 students gaining three As or better at A-level. Most notably Jack Way, who achieved a remarkable three A*s and one A grade and will now go on to Imperial College in London to study physics.

Four pupils gained three A* grades; namely Jack Bridger, Owen Leary, Tom Parry and Alicia Cooke, who has secured her place at Emmanuel College Cambridge to study geography.

"Students at AS and A-Level have had their endeavour rewarded with excellent results. There is a large debt of gratitude for teachers who have worked so hard once again this year and for parents who have supported their sons and daughters. Excellent results truly reflect the effective partnership between a school, its learners and the support from home."

Headteacher Mr Slade commented that this excellent series of results will ensure Porthcawl students have secured places at some of the best universities in the country.

He congratulated staff and students for their hard work and steadfast dedication. Mr Slade concluded by saying that the results were especially impressive, given the large size of the entry.

Not to be outdone, year-12 delivered some of the best AS results Porthcawl has seen. With such a strong performance at AS, the school has high hopes for next year at A-Level. The A – E pass rate was 87 per cent, up two per cent on last year.

The following departments performed exceptionally, with pass rates above 85 per cent (A* to E): English, maths, history, art, religious studies, music, drama, electronics, media studies and textiles.

Exceptional student performances included:

Year-12 – AS: Connor Abbott – 3 A, 1 B; Ben Cannon – 4 A; Joseph Conniff-Jenkins – 3 A, 1 B; Matthew Dang – 3 A, 2 B; Megan Fish – 4 A; Grace Flower – 3 A, 1 B; Ryan Haney – 3 A, 1 D; Richard Lugg – 3 A, 1 B; Georgina Morley – 4 A, 1 C; Rebecca Page – 3 A, 1 B; Anoushka Pill-Williams – 4 A; Felicity Williamson-Sarll – 4 A, 1 B.

Year-13 – A2 (A-Level): Christopher Blake – A*, 2 A; Thomas (Matthew) Booth – A*, 2 A; Jack Bridger – 3 A*; Georgia Budding – 3 A; Tabitha Carrington – 3 A; Alicia Cooke – 3 A*; Maddy Dabernig – 3 A; Alexandra Davies – 3 A; Ben Kent – 3 A; Imogen Kent – 3 A; Tamara Lafferty – 3 A; Owen Leary – 3 A*; Catrin Masson – 3 A; Rhys Mortimer – 3 A, 1 C; Tom Parry – 3 A*; Andrew Phillips – 1 A*, 2 A; Sam Pryce – 1 A*, 2 A; Nicholas Slade – 3 A; Rebecca Wardman – 3 A; Jack Way – 3 A*, 1 A.



Jessica Edwards and mum.



ABOVE:
Vickie Jones.



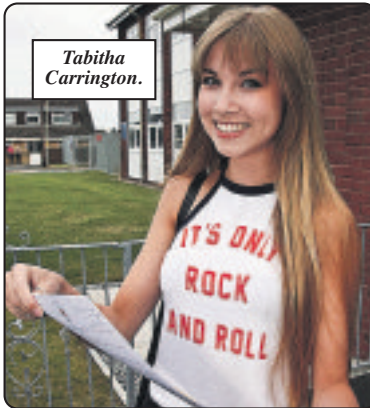
ABOVE:
Tom Sheppard.



Imogen Kent.



Andrew Phillips.



Tabitha
Carrington.



Ben Kent and Sam Sheppard.



ABOVE: Tamar Lafferty and Alex Davies.



Ffion and Catrin Masson.



Jack
Bridger.



ABOVE: Alicia Cooke and mum.



ABOVE: Jack Way and mum.



Tom Parry did well, but is in Peru, so mum and dad were trying to get a connection!

Many notable highs at the Coychurch Gardening Society's annual show

AT the 39th CGS annual horticultural show held in Williams Memorial Hall on August 15, there were 351 entries from 82 individual competitors.

Some notable highs this year were: 10 mounted Fuchsia heads, 10 pairs of vegetables not previously listed, 11 chocolate cakes, 13 family favourite cakes, 14 jars of jam and 15 photographs – with some very imaginative interpretations of the topic 'Love is....'.

The most notable were the 27 entries in the children's class for a Bookmark for a Gardener.

We send grateful thanks to our judges (one new one this year). They provide their time and expertise free of charge and always compliment the standard and volume of entries.

Thank you to everyone involved in organising the day that we all enjoy: including the refreshments, plants, and raffle sales.

Every donation, in all these areas was much appreciated. Then of course there is the small army of movers and shifters who prepare the halls to safely display all the goods.

Thanks go to Coun Bruce Nash who donned his chain of office (and other hat) to present the prizes and to Gareth Gosney who presented the Tom Gosney Memorial Shield.

A special new award was purchased by the club and was presented by Mr Ian Cuthbert, husband of the late Claire Cuthbert.

The CGS committee agreed that it would be a fitting tribute to Claire to create this award for the best in show across the children's craft sections – a subject very close to her heart.

Thanks also go to Mr Cuthbert for presenting the very first Claire Cuthbert

Memorial Award.

The next meeting of the CGS on Wednesday, October 21 will be the AGM at 7pm. This will include a bring and share buffet and gardening quiz. Regular meetings occur on the third Wednesday of each month up to April with a varied programme of speakers and events.

Whether you are considering joining the club, or are renewing your membership, the committee looks forward to welcoming all to the AGM.

Next year will be the 40th anniversary and there are sure to be some special celebrations – why not join and share in the fun?

Results Flowers

Specimen Rose: 1, Bruce Nash 2, Paula Wilson 3, Anne Jones. Vase of roses: 1, Anne Jones 2, Susy Philip 3, Doug Page. Dahlias: three blooms one of each variety: 1, Doug Page 2, Doug Page 3, Susy Philip. Dahlias: three blooms one variety: 1, Doug Page 2, Doug Page 3, Susy Philip; HC, Sue Erikson. Sweet Peas: 1, Roger Pearce 2, Janet Owen 3, Doug Page; HC, Margaret Andrews. Gladioli 1 spike: 1, Paula Wilson 2, Doug Page 3, Deryn Martin. Gladioli 3 spikes: 1, Doug Page 2, Paula Wilson 3, Doug Page. Vase of mixed cut flowers: 1, Doug Page 2, Jenny Page 3, Doug Page; HC, Susy Philip. Vase of annuals one variety: 1, Myra Nash 2, Susy Philip 3, Myra Nash. Foliage pot plant (less than 6" pot): 1, Doug Page 2, Karen Balston. Cacti/Succulent: 1, Steve Wilson 2, Paula Wilson 3, Steve Wilson; H/C, Paula Wilson and Doug Page. Flowering pot plant: 1, Roger Pearce 2, Karen Balston 3, Doug Page. Fuchsia: 1, Doug Page 2, Doug Page 3, Peter Craven. Six mounted Fuchsia heads: 1, Margaret Andrews 2, Karen Charlesworth 3, Joan Wile. A Container of Cut Herbs: 1,

Karen Balston 2, Dilys Leyshon 3, Doug Page; HC, Sandra Lazarus.

Vegetables and Fruit

Six Runner beans: 1, Bruce Nash 2, Anne Jones 3, Howard Balston. Three Globe beetroot: 1, Doug Page 2, Anne Jones 3, Howard Balston. Three carrots: 1, Howard Balston 2, Howard Balston 3, Doug Page. Three onions from sets: 1, Steve Wilson 2, Doug Page 3, Doug Page. Three onions from seed: 1, Doug Page 2, Doug Page 3, Howard Balston. Five potatoes: 1, Doug Page 2, Howard Balston 3, Doug Page. Five vegetables – one of each variety: 1, Steve Wilson 2, Howard Balston 3, Howard Balston. Three salad items, one of each variety: 1, Doug Page 2, Doug Page 3, Steve Wilson. Five cherry tomatoes: 1, Bruce Nash 2, Sarah Lawton 3, Doug Page. Five tomatoes: 1, Jan Gosney 2, Doug Page 3, Doug Page. One cucumber: 1, Bruce Nash 2, Doug Page 3, Howard Balston. One marrow: 1, Doug Page 2, Doug Page. Three courgettes: 1, Doug Page 2, Doug Page 3, Jan Gosney. Small bowl of soft fruit: 1, Doug Page 2, Doug Page 3, Bruce Nash. Longest runner bean: 1, Doug Page 2, Margaret Andrews 3, Bruce Nash. Three apples (one variety): 1, Dilys Leyshon 2, Pam Podd 3, Sally Bryant. An unusual shaped vegetable: 1, Doug Page 2, Doug Page. A pair of vegetables not listed above: 1, Howard Balston 2, Howard Balston 3, Brian Bishop.

Flower arranging

Novice class: 1, Sue Erikson. Royal Event: 1, Marion Harris 2, Sally Bryant 3, Oenwen Jones and Karen Balston. In an unusual container: 1, Sally Bryant 2, Janet Owen 3, Thelma Taylor; HC, Olivia Taylor. Bridesmaid basket: 1, Thelma Taylor 2, Karen Balston 3, Oenwen Jones. Little Gem: 1, Doreen Reeves 2, Sally Bryant 3, Joan Wiles.

Arts and crafts

Stitchcraft: 1, Sian Sewell 2, Christine Bowen 3, Dilys Leyshon.

Artwork – Water: 1, Ann Beresford 2, Sandra Lazarus 3, Ann Thomas; HC, Doug Page.

Handicraft – Buttons: 1, Janet Owen 2, Christine Bowen 3, Susan Martin.

Photography: 1, Deryn Martin 2, Myra Nash 3, Brian Sewell; HC, Karen Charlesworth and Brian Sewell.

Preserves

Jam: 1, Thelma Taylor 2, Marilyn Dennis 3, Jan Gosney; HC Dilys Leyshon. Jelly: 1, Thelma Taylor 2, Marilyn Dennis = 3, Marilyn Dennis and Jan Gosney. Marmalade: 1, Marilyn Dennis 2, Jan Gosney 3, Thelma Taylor. Chutney: 1, Jan Gosney 2, Jan Gosney 3, Thelma Taylor.

Home baking

Six ptn shortbread round: 1, Jan Gosney 2, Helen Bishop 3, Penny Gregory; HC, Karen Charlesworth. Carrot cake: 1, Helen Bishop 2, Alison Craven 2, Jan Gosney. Chocolate sponge: 1, Alison Craven 2, Ann Beresford 3, Rachel Gauci; HC, Myra Nash, Helen Bishop and Steve Wilson. Your family's favourite cake: 1, Janet Owen 2, Helen Bishop 3, Helen Bishop; HC, Rachel Gauci, Sarah Lawton and Karen Charlesworth. Plain scones: 1, Alison Craven 2, Dilys Leyshon 3, Helen Bishop; HC Dilys Leyshon and Helen Bishop. Welsh cakes: 1, Dilys Leyshon 2, Thelma Taylor 3, Myra Nash. Buns: 1, Ann Beresford 2, Janet Owen 3, Jan Gosney. Bread: 1, Sandra Lazarus 2, Helen Bishop 3, Sandra Lazarus. Homity Pie: 1, Alison Craven 2, Karen Balston 3, Thelma Taylor.

Children's competitions

Decorated paper plate – My Hero (up to age 7): 1, Abigail Erikson 2, Cíain Venables. Mr/Mrs Potato Head (up to

age 7): 1, Archie Charlesworth 2, Abigail Erikson 3, Abigail Erikson; HC, Daisy Lewis, Caian Venables. An animal face mask (age 7-11): 1, Hollie Lewis 2, Cerys Venables. A bookmark for a gardener (age 7-11): 1, Vivien Yip 2, Bryn Venables 3, Lucie Brocklehurst; HC, Bryn Venables, Robert Price and Louise Folley Butcher. Any child who entered this, and who did not gain a first, second or third place, all gained a Certificate of Merit.

ANNUAL TROPHIES

Percy Withers Cup, Best in show vegetables – Steve Wilson.

Arthur Evans Cup, Best in Show flowers – Doug Page.

Coychurch Cup, Best in Show pot plant foliage – Doug Page.

Community Council Cup, Best in Show pot plant flowering – Roger Pearce.

Sheila Clark Rose Bowl, Best in Show domestic – Janet Owen.

Mary McHardy Rose Bowl, Best in Show flower arranging – Sally Bryant.

Ron and Lilian Moon Rose Bowl, Best in Show arts and crafts – Deryn Martin.

Pat Jones Trophy, Best Novice flower arrangement (Class 34) – Sue Erikson.

Tom Gosney Memorial Shield – Helen Bishop.

Cliff Hunt Cup, Best in Show overall points – Doug Page.

The Claire Cuthbert Memorial Award, children's classes – Archie Charlesworth.

Front Garden winners: First, Cherry Croft – Dr and Mrs. Philip. Second, 33 Meadow Close – Mrs Eirlys Cummings. Third, 8 Grange Crescent – Mr and Mrs. Burston.

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DELIGHT AT PENCOED COMPREHENSIVE OVER SUPERB SET OF A-LEVEL RESULTS

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PENCOED Comprehensive School students are celebrating a superb set of A-Level results once again.

A total of 34 per cent of students were awarded an A*/A or equivalent, and three-quarters (75 per cent) of grades awarded were C grade and above.

The overall pass rate was almost 100 per cent.

A school spokeswoman said: "There were many superb individual sets of results and the great majority of students have been successful in gaining places at university."

"Caitlin Jenkins gained a full house of top grades - A* grades in English and geography with A grades in history and the Welsh Baccalaureate."

"Zoe Morgan gained A* in drama, A grades in religious studies and the WBQ Advanced Diploma, and a C grade in Information Technology."

"Meryl Maunder gained an A* grade in Art, A in the Welsh Baccalaureate, B in Physical Education and C in Biology."

"Congratulations to all students of the class of 2015 for a superb set of results!"



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Puppy love boosts elderly patients!

A STAY in hospital can be difficult and upsetting for elderly patients who have to leave their beloved pets with family or friends.

Now a new initiative on ward 18 at Princess of Wales hospital is seeing dementia patients getting all the 'cwtches' they need from two very special puppies.

The arrival of the King Charles and Westie puppies is causing quite a stir with patients and staff.

The small, cute and furry, pups are specialist dementia pets with a difference. They look and feel real, with simulated breathing and heartbeat, but without the toilet training, feeding or walking a real puppy requires.

Ward manager Sara Ralston said: "These cute puppies are amazing. Staff and patients just love them."

"They are really a tonic for the patients who have pets and are missing them."

"A few weeks back we had a patient who had to leave her dog with family while she was in hospital."

"She was upset and worried about the dog and getting anxious. At home the dog was always with her and never left her side, so obviously she missed him."

"When we took the King Charles puppy over to her, she was over the moon. She was stroking him, talking to him and she was smiling."

"She also became calmer, less agitated and throughout the afternoon she settled really well."



It's had such a positive impact on her. It was wonderful to see and it brought a tear to my eye, bless her."

The patient has since left the ward and been reunited with her dog.

Sara added: "Research has shown that people with dementia recognise a pet as friendly and non-threatening."

"Also dogs have proven to reduce

agitation and increase pleasure just by their presence."

"Although not real live puppies, these special aids are a real comfort to our patients."

Staff are always looking for new ways to make patients' stay more enjoyable and engaging.

They are planning to redecorate the ward corridor and day room in a rugby theme to

coincide with the Rugby World Cup 2015 which takes place from September 18 to October 31.

They are appealing for rugby memorabilia such as rugby balls, flags and bunting, but need help to find one special item.

Donella Davies, ward sister, said: "We are on the lookout for a very usual item; it's a beer pump which will be placed on a pretend bar."

"We have cocktail shaker, small colourful umbrella sticks, beer mats, but we can't get hold of a beer pump, which will help to make the bar area look more authentic."

While staff hope to make it feel as if the patients are watching the rugby in a pub, they will only be serving soft drinks!

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A Level celebrations at Ysgol Llanhari!

THERE were smiles all around at Ysgol Llanhari on Thursday as pupils, staff and parents were able to celebrate an excellent set of A-Level results, improving on last year's results in all aspects as 100 per cent of the pupils achieved the Level 3 indicator (A-E in two or more subjects).

A school spokeswoman said: "We are delighted that 75 per cent of the cohort achieved grades A*-C in two or more subjects with 24 per cent of the pupils, achieving A* and A grades in two or more subjects.

"We are very pleased that all pupils have achieved their potential and that their hard graft has been rewarded. Pupils have excelled in traditionally academic subjects and also in vocational qualifications.

"Congratulations to all pupils and staff and we wish the pupils every success in the future as they embark on careers, or further their education at universities and colleges far and wide."

Dathlu canlyniadau ardderchog Safon Uwch yn Ysgol Llanhari

BRAF iawn oedd tystio i firi dathlu canlyniadau 2015 ymhlith disgyblion y chweched dosbarth, staff a rhieni Dydd Iau, wrth iddynt bwyddo i wella ymhellach ar ganlyniadau Safon Uwch y llynedd gyda 100% o'r disgyblion yn llwyddo i gyrraedd Trothwy Lefel 3 (graddau A-E mewn dau bwn neu fwy).

"Rydym yn hynod o falch bod 75% o'r disgyblion wedi llwyddo i ennill graddau A*-C mewn dau neu fwy o bynciau Safon Uwch, gyda 24% o'r disgyblion yn llwyddo i ennill graddau A* ac A mewn dau bwn neu fwy.

"Dathlwn lwyddiant yr holl ddisgyblion sydd wedi cyrraedd eu



Head boy Dafydd Tudor achieved three A grades and will study geology.



Rhianydd Reynolds and Ffion Bennett delighted with a string of A grades at AS Level.



Jac Clements and Jack Bevan delighted with their excellent results.



Dafydd Lawrence from Miskin is heading off to study at the University of East Anglia.

potensial ac sydd wedi gweithio yn ddygn a chael eu haeddiant. Dilynodd y disgyblion gyrssau traddodiadol academaidd yn ogystal â phynciau galwedigaethol yn y chweched.

"Longyfarchiadau i'r holl athrawon a disgyblion a dymunwn yn dda i'r bobl ifanc fydd yn cynhyrwn ar fyd gwaith neu yn parhau â'u hastudiaethau mewn prifysgolion neu golegau ymhob cwr o'r wlad."

Exams joy for St Clare's pupils

PUPILS at St Clare's School, Porthcawl, celebrated the best A-Level results in 10 years!

This year's students maintained the school's tradition of achieving strong results with a fantastic 100 per cent overall pass rate for the third year in a row.

A spokeswoman said: "We are delighted to report the best A-Level results in ten years, with our sixth form students achieving 43 per cent A*/A grades. This is 2 per cent higher than last year's outstanding grades. The number of St Clare's students achieving an A grade has steadily increased over the last five years to an impressive 37 per cent.

"This compares to 23 per cent of students across the whole of Wales who achieved grades in the same bracket.

"Particular congratulations go to Matthew Pottage for achieving two A* grades in maths and further maths, alongside an A grade in physics. Matthew has accepted a place at Bath University, his first choice, where he will read computer science."

Joining Matthew in his celebrations are four other straight A students who will be taking up their places at their first choice universities.

Liam Bolton attained As in English,

history and art and has accepted a place at Sussex University to read international relations; Josh Edwards attained As in art, textiles and graphics and has accepted a place at Bath Spa to read fine art; Jess Lawrence attained As in art, textiles and graphics and has accepted a place at Southampton to read fashion, and Briony Heard was delighted to hear she had attained As in English and art.

Headteacher Simon Antwis added: "We're all extremely proud of our A-Level students this year, as they have worked very hard and set a new standard of excellence at St Clare's School.

"Most notably, St Clare's can now boast that pupils attained 43 per cent A* and A grades, which is 2 per cent higher than last year and significantly higher than the national average of 23 per cent.

"These fantastic results are directly attributable not only to the dedication and perseverance of the students themselves, but also to the quality of teaching delivered here at the sixth form in St Clare's.

"The students have given themselves a great head start in life and we're delighted to send them off to study at top universities across Britain."



Students celebrate their results.



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Film-makers come to Porthcawl

IN recent years, you know it's summer when young film-makers from the 'It's My Shout' scheme are busy around south Wales - this time in Rest Bay, Porthcawl.

The scheme, which began in Bridgend county borough as an offshoot from Roger Burnell's Bridgend Youth Theatre, is now backed by the BBC and is seen as a way of identifying young talent and also of training young people for positions in the growing TV and film sector in Wales.

Six short films are filmed over the summer, and shown on BBC Wales in November, and this year It's My Shout is working on other projects too.

The production team were at Rest Bay last Friday (August 14) on the final day of filming for 'First Sign of Love' - a short film set in the 1980s.

The story revolves around a deaf girl, Megan (played by Shawna Workman) who was chosen from 120



Lewis Coster.

applicants and had to learn sign language for the role.

As the film title suggests, it's about meeting and forming relationships with the opposite sex.

In the storyline, Megan's love interest, Jake (played by Lewis Coster, a member of the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT), invites her to join him and his friends for a barbecue on the beach.

Young actors who have appeared in It's My Shout films include Aneurin Barnard (on TV once again last Monday in the BBC's *Scandalous Lady W*).

For Lewis Coster, the film will probably be his last casting with the BYT, as he will be starting at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama later this year.



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Gathering wood for the barbecue.

ABOVE: Last-minute instructions from the director.

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How putting the rubbish out one night saved someone's life!

THE chance decision to put the rubbish out late one evening led one Llantwit Major family to save someone's life!

Peace reigned that Tuesday night in Paul and Kaye Aherne's house in Clos Ogney – Kaye had just returned from a birthday celebration with friends, including Sian Rees, and Paul was quietly putting the recycling out the front.

Kaye, a manager at a paediatric ward in Bridgend, said: "I heard my husband shouting Kaye, Kaye, Kaye. Quick! Someone's collapsed out the front."

Trish Beer, a local teacher, explained: "I was out walking my dog, Winnie, from the next estate, and began to feel chesty and hot – and realised I was having an allergic reaction."

Paul recalled: "She said to me: 'Can you help me? I've had a reaction to something.'"

Trish said: "My ears and face began to swell, and I was thinking – this is really serious". I thought – 'I'm dying'. I

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literally... couldn't breathe."

Paul and Kaye helped Trish through to their conservatory – and tied her dog out the back while the drama continued to unfold.

They called the ambulance. No one was sure whether Trish was suffering from an asthma attack or anaphylaxis.

Kaye rushed upstairs to get a ventolin inhaler, but Trish's airways remained blocked and she continued to deteriorate.

Kaye said: "The phone went and it was my friend Sian. I said: 'I can't stop, someone's just collapsed!'"

It was warm in the conservatory, and Paul and Kaye were also concerned that Trish might fall and hit her head on the hard floor, so they moved her out onto a garden bench outside.

Paul said: "It was like a scene from MASH."

Sian arrived to help and exclaimed: "What the hell's going on here!"

The neighbours apparently thought a party was going on. Far

from it – Trish was going blue, and Paul and Kaye eased her onto the floor, where Kaye carried out mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Sian was shocked at how swollen she was.

Paul said: "After about 40 to 50 seconds (of CPR) she made a noise and started to breathe."

They then placed Trish in the recovery position.

Kaye said: "The ambulance men arrived within 10 minutes and were very good. They asked: 'Who is she?' I said: 'I don't know. She was walking past the house.'"

"I said I've given her CPR and they asked why. I said: 'Because she'd stopped breathing and went the colour of my husband's shorts!'"

Trish was given adrenaline by the ambulance men, and to the relief of Kaye, Paul and Sian continued to recover.

Trish said: "In the ambulance, I was talking and began to calm down. When I got to the

Princess of Wales Hospital, I had a chest x-ray and stayed there overnight."

While Trish was taken away in the ambulance, Kaye and Paul managed to get Winnie, the dog, back to Trish's mum's neighbour.

Trish gave Kaye a bouquet, a bottle of wine, chocolates and some treats for their dog as a thank you.

She believes it was a case of anaphylaxis, which is a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that can develop rapidly.

Attacks can be caused by insect stings, peanuts, tree nuts, certain foods – such as milk and seafood, and even some medicines.

Kaye stressed that incidents like the one Trish experienced underline how important it is for people to carry inhalers in case of an asthma attack or an adrenaline pen in case of anaphylaxis.

Last week, the four people involved in the drama met up again and as you can see from the picture, it was a far more relaxed occasion.



From left to right: Sian Rees, Kaye Aherne, Trish Beer and Paul Aherne enjoyed a relaxed reunion, following the frantic drama of a few nights before.

GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA...

'Thank you to the Good Samaritans'

I WOULD like to thank the many people who came to my parents' assistance when my dad collapsed near to Mansell's chip shop in Porthcawl on July 25; especially Tracey McNamara and the lady and Mansell from the chip shop who all rushed to their assistance.

First aid was given and an ambulance was called. My mother was looked after while these kind Samaritans took

care of my dad.

Tracey McNamara managed to contact myself using my dad's mobile. At this time no one knew the graveness of the situation ahead of us. This kind lady even offered to drive my mum to the hospital.

From this time and throughout A&E and ICU at The Princess of Wales my dad was treated with dignity and respect, until he sadly passed away on July 27.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all those who helped us during this terrible time.
Susan Day, Brackla.

'Well done, Vale Show!'

Congratulations to the organisers of the Vale Show 2015 – what a fantastic family day out at Fônmon last week!

Our family have been a supporter of the event for the last ten years or so, and I can honestly say it gets better and better each year.

It seemed more thought-out and organised than ever this year – with plenty of toilets, cash machines, ice cream vans and hand washing facilities.

I, along with many other parents, appreciated the soft play and art activities based in the centre of the food court... Genius, I could actually eat my food whilst my two-year-old amused himself!

Thanks you for such a wide range of activities, stalls and events, and a big thank you for all of those who let us stroke their sheep and climb all over their tractors – a truly memorable day.

The Biddle family, Rhosneig.

Who cares for the countryside?



WATERY LANE leading up to Welsh St Donats and Hensol is a well-used country lane.

Recently, the first part leading from the A422 has been looking particularly untidy.

A voluntary litter pick last Sunday morning produced a very full black bin bag of rubbish, presumably from passing traffic.

Among items retrieved was a lady's nightdress, three pairs of slippers, blue, red and green respectively; a Dire Straits CD case, complete with CD; an unopened container of M&S Macaroni Cheese and plenty of drink cans, plastic bottles as well as Macdonalds and Greggs waste containers.

All this litter was found in the first 400 yards from the corner with the A422.

It seems a very sad reflection of the careless way the countryside is treated by those using it.

Andrew Foyle, Maendy.



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Runners raise nearly £1,000 for the Marie Curie hospice



Above: INVNCBL Race series directors Adam Jones and Natasha Louca-Jones visit the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale hospice to donate the proceeds from their event to Marie Curie representatives Owin Taylor-Shaw and Sarah Hughes.

INTREPID runners who took on an obstacle-filled race, have helped raise nearly £1,000 for Marie Curie.

When the INVNCBL Race Series held its Margam Park 10k event back in April, the event's race directors generously agreed to make a donation to Marie Curie for every person who registered to take part.

Thanks to the popularity of the event, £950 was raised to support the work of Marie Curie in Wales. Last week INVNCBL race directors Adam Jones and Natasha Louca-Jones visited the Marie

Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth to deliver the charitable proceeds from the Margam Park event.

INVNCBL Race series directors Adam Jones and Natasha Louca-Jones, said: "We are extremely proud to continue to support and raise funds for Marie Curie in Wales, and it's down to the commitment of all of our participants that we are able to do this. Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in this exciting challenge."

Owin Taylor-Shaw, partnerships manager for Marie Curie in Wales, added: "We are

enormously grateful for the support we receive from the INVNCBL Race Series. It is because of donations like this that the charity is able to provide support to people living with a terminal illness, and their families, across Wales."

The INVNCBL Race Series will also be supporting Marie Curie at the upcoming 10k at Penallta Park in Ystrad Mynach, Caerphilly on Saturday, October 17.

For more information on how you can take part, visit www.invncbl.co.uk or follow @Belvncbl on Twitter.



The East Coast Bike Ride 2014.

Velindre riders will tackle the Rockies challenge...

IN just over a year, a second group of fundraisers will set off for Canada to embark on an epic 405km bike ride in the Rockies for Velindre Cancer Centre.

The first group, which includes Velindre president Jonathan Davies and patrons Martyn Williams and Mike Hall, will set off on September 5, 2016.

Those taking part will get a once-in-a-lifetime look at the breathtaking route from Canmore to Jasper that is described as the 'Highway strung from the stars' by National Geographic Traveller.

Former Wales and Scarlets rugby star Matthew J Watkins and Olympic medalist Jamie Baulch, have both signed up for the second Rockies ride, after taking part in the East

Coast Bike Ride last year.

Matthew J Watkins said: "The last ride was unbelievable! It was tough but worth it; we visited some incredible places and met some amazing people, but most importantly we raised an incredible amount of money for Velindre."

Jamie said: "Sharing the experience of riding through the Rockies with my fellow cyclists will be such a privilege; from rising to the sheer physical challenge of the ride to raising much-needed funds for Velindre."

"It's going to be an extraordinary experience for everyone who supports and takes part."

There are limited places available on the second ride. For further information or to book your place visit www.velindrefundraising.com or contact 02920 316211.

Centre makes the case for older cats

HOMELESS feline OAPs are being routinely overlooked, despite cats living longer, happier lives, according to Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre.

Figures from the charity show that, on average, older cats take around five times longer than kittens to be adopted.

The centre says improvements in cat care have greatly raised the life expectancy and quality of life for cats across the UK, and many household moggies are now living into their late teens and early 20s in good health.

However, the bad news is that owners still appear to choose a cute, fluffy kitten over an older cat.

Sue Dobbs said: "It is a shame because older cats have a lot to offer. They tend to stay closer to home so make great companions."

"Their characters are fully formed, so you know what sort of cat you're getting and they're less likely to scale the curtains or knock your ornaments off the shelf!"

"Though the centre looks after all the cats in its care very well, life in a pen is no substitute for a permanent home, so I would urge people to



WILLIAM.
Photo by Sue Dobbs.

consider adopting an older cat."

Some older cats in desperate need of a home:

William – a 13-year-old neutered male, who was sadly admitted into our care after his owner passed away.

He is a lovely, friendly cat who has been in our care for almost three months.

Tim – an 11 1/2-year-old neutered male, who came into our care because his owners were moving and couldn't take him with them.

He is a very sweet natured cat, who will make a lovely companion.

Dempsey – a 13 1/2-year-old neutered female, who came into our care as a stray. She is a lovely natured cat with a lot of love to give.

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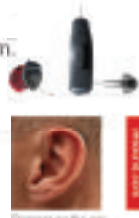
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One of the 'Few' issues an appeal

I HAD the honour of flying Hurricanes for the RAF as one of Churchill's 'Few' during the Battle of Britain, which took place 75 years ago this summer.

This week, I have been marking the anniversary of what is known as 'the Hardest Day' in that battle against German invasion – Tuesday, August 18 1940 – the day on which the Luftwaffe made an all-out assault on RAF Fighter Command, resulting in both sides losing more aircraft than on any other day during the campaign.

As we recall those fateful days and celebrate the bravery of all those involved – many of them my friends and colleagues – we must also remember our enduring debt of gratitude to all who

have served, and who serve now. The RAF Benevolent Fund believes it is important for the country to share in the memory of the Battle of Britain and the sacrifices that were made, but it needn't all be a solemn affair.

That's why I'm supporting their inaugural Great British Sunday Lunch – a chance for families, friends, and communities to gather together on Sunday, September 13, to host their own meal at home, in the local community centre, at the pub or in the park, to raise vital funds to support RAF veterans and their families.

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Gwyn has a special reason to join charity cycle ride

A FORMER Maesteg and Wales rugby star will be taking part in a cycling challenge this autumn – in aid of Prostate Cymru.

The Five Valleys Sportive returns this year and will see individuals cycle one of Wales' most famous routes. When the opportunity arose, former fullback Gwyn Evans was keen to get involved in aid of Prostate Cymru.

He said: "Both my father and my grandfather passed away from prostate cancer, so when Prostate Cymru Ambassador and former Cardiff rugby player, Ray Giles, approached me to take part in the Five Valleys Sportive I didn't hesitate to get involved. It is a great and challenging event that helps raise awareness for a brilliant charity. I hope more people can get involved."

Gwyn Evans was one of the few Maesteg RFC players who played at international level, touring New Zealand with the British and Irish Lions.

After retiring from rugby, he played cricket for a number of years before retiring and now keeps fit with cycling and other activities.



Nicole Cooke, Dafydd James and Gwyn Evans were among those at last year's Five Valleys Sportive.

Gwyn lives in Llangynwyd and continues to have close links with the local sporting community.

He said: "I am looking forward to the event. Cycling has become one of my main enjoyments since retiring from rugby."

"There is a real physical challenge that comes with it and I know the Five Valleys route is no exception. It will be an exciting experience and riding alongside other cyclists and supporters of the charity will be great fun."

Andy Thomas, Chairman for Prostate Cymru, said: "We are thrilled to have Gwyn, along with other rugby players Dafydd James and Gareth Cooper, take part in the Five Valleys cycle ride."

The Five Valleys

Sportive was the brainchild of Prostate Cymru Ambassadors, former rugby player Ray Giles and distinguished cyclist John Pritchard. To enter the Five may be entitled to a Valleys Sportive, simply discount and will need to visit <http://www.thefivevalleys.co.uk/enter-event/>. Groups of more than 10

Assembly's £4.8m investment for Velindre Cancer Centre

THE Welsh Government is investing £4.8m in vital new equipment for Velindre Cancer Centre, it was announced this week.

"The money will buy a new linear accelerator as a replacement for the oldest of the cancer centre's seven machines. The new machine will offer advanced radiotherapy as well as the standard functions of a linear accelerator and will double Velindre's capacity to deliver stereotactic radiotherapy treatment," a spokesperson said.

Health and Social Services Minister Mark Drakeford explained: "This investment means patients will be treated on machines using the latest technology to deliver safe, accessible and effective treatment. Importantly, it will mean Velindre will continue to treat patients in Wales who need stereotactic radiotherapy, rather than them having to travel to England."



Dorothy Tan operating a new linear accelerator.

Patients' waiting times 'unacceptable'

A regional Welsh Conservative AM, Dr Altaf Hussai, has branded as "unacceptable" news that over 25,000 patients in Wales have had to wait over nine months for an NHS appointment – "a figure that has doubled in six years."

He stated that latest statistics also show that one in five patients is having to wait longer than the Welsh Government's maximum waiting time target of eight weeks to access diagnostic services, with around 15 per cent of cancer patients failing to commence treatment within 62 days of diagnosis: 25,373 people had been waiting over 36 weeks.

The AM for south Wales west, who spent 18 years working as a consultant

in the Welsh NHS before entering politics, said: "Urgent referrals made by GPs are called 'urgent' for a very good reason, and the practice of downgrading them is unacceptable."

"We need to look at how many of these downgraded referrals ultimately result in a patient coming under the care of an oncologist."

"It is clear that in cases like these, delays cost lives and the best outcomes are achieved when life-threatening illnesses are caught and treated early."

CHARITY EVENT

A CRAFT and bake sale will be held at Llantwit Major's Llantonian Hall on Saturday, August 22, to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society (from 12pm – 3.30pm).

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CHANNEL Coast Surf Club and the local beach-going community teamed up with Barefoot Wine Beach Rescue and Surfers Against Sewage to take part in the now annual

beach clean.

A spokesman said: "While summer doesn't always bring the worst of the marine litter that winter's storms wash ashore, the clean was still a great success, with over 50 volunteers coming to pick up litter hidden on the stony

beach over a two-hour period.

"Overall, a huge 102kg of litter was collected, and items included bullets, a lobster pot and several metres of rope. A big thank you to all those who took part and enjoyed a free sample of Barefoot Wine."

N-ice day for youngsters to practise their speech

IT was ice creams all round for a group of youngsters enjoying a fun day out with a difference at Port Talbot's Margam Park.

They were all born with either a cleft lip and palate (CLP) or a palate that does not function well, and have been receiving speech therapy.

Without it they could develop speech errors that can become habitual and very difficult to change, requiring years of therapy to remediate.

ABMU hosts the Welsh Centre for Cleft Lip and Palate covering five south Wales health boards – ABMU itself, along with Hywel Dda, Cwm Taf, Aneurin Bevan and Cardiff and Vale.

Morriston is the surgical centre for the service. The speech and language therapists based in the hospital also work in the community and liaise with local therapists across south Wales to ensure children can have therapy close to their homes.

ABMU's CLP team organises an annual outing to give the youngsters a chance to practise their speech in an everyday environment.

This year's was the third trip and saw seven children and their parents make the journey to Margam Park for a day of fun activities.

Specialist speech and language therapist Lisa Farquhar explained: "The whole idea is to get out of a clinical setting. What we are trying to do is help children generalise speech sounds."

"They can do the sounds, but don't always use them. They come to clinic and do it fine but then they forget it and don't use the sounds."

"It's about encouraging them to use their speech in more everyday activities."

"One activity this year saw parents wear fancy dress and take part in a catwalk-style parade, while the children provided the commentary – with encouragement to use their sounds in a clear and correct way."



Ben Stevens (Caerphilly); Eliza Trainer (Cardiff); Evie McConnan (Dinas Powys); Jack Hudson (Penarth); Tomas Lewis (Barry); Ruby King (Cardiff); and Olivia McGeown (Tonyrefail).

Vale Mayor serves in charity shop



Coun Fred Johnson with manager Liz and volunteers outside the SVP shop.

VALE Mayor Coun Fred Johnson's chosen charities are the RNLI and the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), an international Christian voluntary organisation helping those in need.

The Mayor recently volunteered to work in the SVP shop on Holton Road, Barry.

Coun Johnson reported: "I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and would like to thank manager Liz Walsh and the volunteers for welcoming me. The shop is a real community space and Liz is a fantastic manager. Whatever you may need, the team will find it!"

Manager Liz Walsh said: "What a great day we had and it was lovely meeting the Mayor – we are looking forward to his next shift with us!"

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THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING QUEEN

WHAT a year it has been so far at the Fonmon apiary...very varied weather conditions, prolific swarming activity, and as of yet, no honey taken off!

One of my colonies that swarmed is just not going anywhere.

A queen cell was observed as open, but no signs of a queen being present could be detected.

To remedy this, I introduced a frame containing eggs from one of the other colonies, but still nothing is happening.

The future of this colony needs some consideration. An interesting occurrence did take place while I was inspecting the apiary bees.

An empty hive on site that I was using as a store for 'ready to use spare frames' should I require them due to my inspection findings in the other colonies, was taken over by a swarm that descended in a vast cloud and, as usual, much noise.

Where could they have come from? Well, thinking about it there are apparently eight colonies sited within the very near cement works and just who is looking to their needs I do not know. I think they could well be the most likely contributors.

It is also noticeable that drones are now being refused entry and actually being turned out by the female workers. This in itself is not an unusual activity but it is somewhat earlier than is normal. Do the bees know something we don't?

Control of the Varroa mite has to be addressed and my approach so far has been to use formic acid-soaked strips. If we are to believe the producers' literature, the advantage that the beekeeper can expect is that where other control substances only affect mites that are on the bees, the formic acid will penetrate the wax capping that is enclosing the developing bees.

These capped larvae (they will become bees eventually) do have mites that have hopped in with them, before the bees completed the capping process, and these very mites will carry out their own breeding cycle while they are enclosed with the developing bee.

It is also stated that contamination of any hive products will not be an issue, plus the likelihood of the Varroa mite building up any form of defence is very unlikely.

The training apiary at Dyffryn is doing well, we

have had swarming taking place (who hasn't) and three of our established beekeepers have taken their basic beekeeping exam there.

It is to be hoped that others will follow this option and not only will it improve their existing knowledge but increase their bee handling skills as well.

Coinciding with the exam activity, the National Trust had a fun weekend event and we beekeepers manned a table where information was dispensed relating to the onsite apiary and all things to do with bees and beekeeping.

Many questions were asked of those of us on the beekeeping table and the feedback to the staff of Dyffryn from visitors has brought about the possibility of a series of lectures/talks about the apiary and pollinating insects in general.

The beekeepers will give this venture our support should this come to fruition.

The welfare of the honey bee is an ongoing project and Fon-Mon apiary is a designated 'sentinel apiary' - which means that I am observing all of the colonies with a view to spotting the Small Hive Beetle. This is a predator that has not yet been reported in this country, but there is every likelihood that it will be with us eventually.

It is already widespread throughout the world and Australia, that is free of the Varroa mite, has found the beetle and it is spreading alarmingly there.

Sentinel apiaries are established throughout the British Isles and one of us sentinel apiary personnel will be getting our five minutes of TV fame. I have a wish for it not to be me.

What does this beetle do to a colony of bees? Well, I will leave that for another time, as it will take up some space.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Valeways guided walks
AUGUST 23 Llwyn Onn - meet at 2pm in Merthyr Tydfil: Canolfan Ymwelwyr Garw Nant visitor centre.

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CLEVEDON & HOLM ISLANDS CRUISE Sunday 30th August. Depart 11am-6.15pm Cross the Channel to Clevedon before cruising round the mysterious Holm Islands. **Fares to Clevedon: £15 Child: £7.50 Family: £40. Full cruise: £23 Child: £11.50 Family: £65**

SAIL AWAY TO GLORIOUS ILFRACOMBE & EXMOOR COAST! Tuesday 1st September. Depart 10.30am – Return 9pm * Coach return to Penarth from Porthcawl. Sunday 13th September. Depart 10am – 7.45pm. Wednesday 16th September. Depart 10.30am – 7pm. Join us aboard Balmoral to cruise to the delightful seaside town of Ilfracombe with plenty to enjoy for parents and children with plenty of time ashore to explore! Alternatively, continue cruising along the scenic Exmoor coast with a short stop in Ilfracombe before your return. **Fare to Ilfracombe: £33 Senior: £31 * Child: £16.50 Family: £89. Full day cruise: £36 Senior: £34 * Child £18 Family: £97. * Senior fare weekdays only**

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Son sees dad's wartime photo for the first time



Sunday School class, with Mr David Rees. John Thomas is far right, front row.



John Thomas jnr was featured in The GEM on July 30 with the very same cigarette case!

LAST Thursday afternoon, August 13 at Porthcawl Museum, Mr John Thomas was united with a photograph of his father that he was previously unaware of.

His dad, Private John James Thomas 4th Battalion, Welsh Regiment is pictured holding the cigarette case that saved his life in Gallipoli August 1915.

The previous Sunday on the Roy Noble Show, on BBC Radio Wales, John had recounted the story of how his father had landed at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, on August 9, 1915 as part of the 53rd Welsh Division.

Listening in Penygroes, where Private Thomas was born, was Mr Adrian Davies, chairman of Penygroes Historical Society. Adrian later recounted that he couldn't believe his ears, as he had been given a collection of World War One photographs in 2013 to help commemorate the men on the village war memorial, but was at a loss as to who the boy holding the cigarette case was.

On hearing John's account of how the cigarette case had saved

Private Thomas's life, and that he had come from Penygroes, all fell into place.

On Thursday afternoon, Adrian arrived carrying two photographs: besides the photograph of John's father holding the cigarette case was a photograph of Private Thomas's Sunday School class.

The gentleman in the photograph was a Mr David Rees, who had been the village photographer during the early years of the 20th century. It was he who had taken John's father's photograph and whose grandson, Mr Brian Lewis, had donated the collection to the Penygroes Historical Society. John James Thomas is the boy on the far right of the front row.

On Thursday after much reminiscing of Penygroes, where John Thomas Jr was also born, Adrian very kindly gave John the original photographs of his father and presented copies to Porthcawl Museum to be placed alongside the cigarette case, which will remain on display as the centerpiece of the 'Welsh at Gallipoli' exhibition until Saturday, August 30.

Ceri Joseph.



Private John James Thomas with the case.

Merger start of a new era

VALE Centre for Voluntary Services (VCVS) and Vale Volunteer Bureau (VVB) are now operating as one organisation called Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS).

"This is the beginning of an exciting new era, with endless possibilities for further quality service development, innovation and a strengthening of the support given by GVS to the third sector organisations serving the Vale of Glamorgan," said Rachel Connor, GVS' chief executive officer.

"The merger provides a great opportunity for GVS to build on the excellent work of its predecessors and over time, to develop new and improved services for the Third Sector here in the Vale."

To register as a volunteer, register your organisation to host volunteers, or to become a member organisation of GVS and benefit from a wealth of free and low cost services, contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services, Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry; 01466 741706; email enquiries@gvs.wales

Choirs integral part of our Welsh culture

I WATCHED with interest a discussion on the BBC Breakfast show Monday morning (August 17) concerning the action currently being undertaken by Blaenafon Male Voice Choir, in conjunction with the Cwmbran based Focus Shift Films, aimed at encouraging more young men to join male choirs.

I sing with Cowbridge MVC. When I joined in November 2001, the choir had a register that recorded 90 members and it could easily stage 60 choristers for home concerts. Sadly, due to many factors numbers have diminished over the years.

We have managed to recruit a few new members over the past 10 years, but not nearly enough to compensate for losses.

The choir's current register records a total membership of 64 and it expects a couple of new recruits to join when it returns to rehearsals early in September.

Blaenafon MVC is to be applauded for taking the lead and for doing something constructive to address the recruiting situation.

Almost every choir in Wales has a problem recruiting young men to join the ranks; there are exceptions, of course, but they are few and far between.

Male choral singing is an integral part of Welsh culture and it must be preserved. How many choirs have a recruiting plan?

Word of mouth or family association is still at the forefront of finding new choristers. Nothing wrong with that

approach, it has served choirs well in the past.

However, choirs will need to be more proactive in their approach to recruiting – 'Poems & Pints' nights are all well and good in the short term and advertising is too expensive.

I know that a great deal of what I am writing here isn't new, nor is it rocket science. I firmly believe that choir organisations need to promote MVCs in schools, colleges, churches and chapels.

Every choir controls its own destiny; every choir has a responsibility to its founding fathers, the community it represents, and to the wonderful tradition of male choral singing to make certain that it survives. It can be done – let's do it!

Cowbridge Male Voice Choir rehearses at Holy Cross Church, Church Street, Cowbridge (behind the Duke of Wellington public house) every Wednesday evening (7.30pm - 9.30pm). Come and join the choir – you will be made very welcome!

R O Pritchard, Talbot Green.

'Enough to make you despair...'

WHAT is going on in the world today? The answer is greed!

Having read about the plot to rob Cilla Black's home while her funeral was taking place, I despair.

People who are not willing to work are a drain on the country. If you have lived through two world wars like I have, you know what it is to appreciate things.

Mrs Heverson, Rhosce.

AM calls for review of blue badge rules

A regional AM, Suzy Davies, has called on Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to review its disabled blue badge policy, claiming it is using a measure that is in question.

She says that BCBC is still using the Welsh Government's new 'tool kit' to assess applications for disabled parking badge applications despite the policy now being reviewed by the Minister in charge.

In response, a BCBC spokesman said that they had not encountered the problems reported elsewhere.

In March this year Edwina Hart, the Economy, Science, and Transport Minister released a statement, following queries from AMs about the new tool kit, in which she confirmed that she would be carrying out a review into whether the policy needed to be revised.

While both Swansea and Neath Port Talbot Councils decided to suspend their use of the new tool kit until the review was complete, BCBC has not.

Mrs Davies, a Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West, said: "I am disappointed and surprised to find out that BCBC are too stubborn to budge on this."

"I was pleased when the Minister listened to the concerns of AMs from across the board on this one."

"The Minister herself said that she had identified issues with the new process and she had found 'areas where the toolkit could be further refined'."

"BCBC could be severely disadvantaging many older and disabled members of our communities

by PHILIP IRWIN

who rely on their blue badges to have the same levels of access and mobility as other residents.

"Why is BCBC refusing to suspend the use of the Toolkit when the other two councils in my region have taken the hint and suspended it?"

She went on to say that in January, it was heard by Neath Port Talbot Council that the number of applications being refused under the new scheme was of "great concern."

Of 41 disabled parking applications made to date, only eight were granted blue badges.

Suzy Davies said: "I understand that, of the 33 application refused by NPT Council using the toolkit, most would have been awarded blue badges under the old scheme."

However, a BCBC spokesman told *The GEM* that their figures told a different story.

He said: "We began using the Welsh Government's Blue Badge toolkit in December 2014 and, to date, just 15 per cent of the applications made have been declined, which is in stark contrast to the figures reported for other local authorities."

"The consideration of all applications is based on the answers that residents give to the questions that they are asked, and we believe that the current process is working, so we do not see a reason to stop using the toolkit at present."

"However, that does not mean that the toolkit cannot be improved, and we have co-operated fully with the Welsh Government by making suggestions on how it can be further developed."

LAMBS guided on a 'Three Castles' tour



The group outside Grosmont.

RECENTLY, 24 members of the Llansannor local history group, LAMBS, were conducted around the sites of the Three Castles in Monmouthshire by CADW guide, Alison Hargreaves.

White, Grosmont and Skenfrith Castles are located in the valley of the River Monnow and date back to early Norman times. The guided tour introduced the group to the complex history of the castles.

Alison explained that the castles would originally have been earth and timber motte-and-bailey type structures, but they were strongly fortified in the late 12th century.

During the reign of Henry III, Skenfrith and Grosmont castles were rebuilt and Henry later

gave the three castles to his eldest son, the future Edward I.

In the mid 13th century, the area of the Southern March was threatened by Llewelyn ap Gruffudd and the castles were garrisoned, but the Welsh threat diminished with his death in 1282.

The castles had a brief military involvement during the revolt of Owain Glyndŵr in the early 15th century, but by the mid 16th century the sites had been abandoned.

On behalf of LAMBS,

Pam Salmon thanked Alison for providing the group with a very enjoyable and informative tour.

Members retired to the Bell Hotel in Skenfrith for a late lunch, during which the LAMBS Chair thanked Cathie Brooks for organising a stimulating and very enjoyable visit.

After lunch, some members sat out in the hotel garden, by which time a morning of heavy rain and umbrellas had given way to a warm and sunny afternoon.

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Eryn's birth: family's joy!

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At 29 weeks, her waters broke and she spent two weeks being closely monitored in Singleton Hospital, Swansea.

Having not gone into labour, Sarah decided to go home. When she did finally go into labour on September 30 last year, the baby was in the breech position, requiring an emergency Caesarean at Princess of Wales Hospital.

Baby Eryn was born seven weeks premature, weighing 3lb 11oz.

Sarah said: "She spent the first three weeks of her life in the SCBU in Bridgend, with us travelling back and forth every day."

"The care in SCBU was excellent. What they do there is just amazing."

"Although Eryn was born nearly two months early, she is a right little bouncer now. You would never think she was a

premature baby."

Sarah is a project manager for CarillionAmey in MoD St Athan.

When she returned to work, the company was seeking nominations for charitable donations of £50 and Sarah successfully nominated the SCBU.

She said: "We wanted to give something back. I belong to the SCBU support group and anything I can give, I will."

SCBU manager Helen Radford said: "We are always grateful to receive donations like this."

"We have already written back to CarillionAmey to thank them."

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by GARETH JAMIESON

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The Man from U.N.C.L.E. fizzles – but lacks impact

IF 1998's *The Avengers* taught us anything (other than how to make a critically-derided film), it was that adapting a TV series of old for a modern day audience is a tricky proposition – do you play it straight and update it, or

play it to type and go for something more akin to a spoof?

It was a thought that Guy Ritchie no doubt had before taking on directing duties for *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.*

Using the series as a launching pad, and retaining its 1960s setting, it sees American agent Napoleon Solo (Henry Cavill) being forced to team-up with Russian agent Ilya Kuryakin (Armie Hammer) as they aim to stop a villainous organization proliferate nuclear weapons; but with the agents as distrustful of each other as they are of their enemies, will they come together to save the day?

Guy Ritchie proved with his Sherlock Holmes films that he's pretty adept at conjuring up entertaining, spectacle-led mismatched buddy comedies, so making *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.* should have proved little problem to the British director.

The end result is a film that fizzles, thanks to the star wattage of its leads, but can't quite hold its own when it comes to a narrative that goes around the houses too much and lacks any real impact.

The summer blockbuster season thus far has been rich with high-quality pickings, the most impressive for several years, giving these Men quite a task to match up to what has gone before; and in leads Armie Hammer,

Henry Cavill and Alicia Vikander, there is much to savour and enjoy.

With American Hammer playing Russian, English Cavill playing American and Swedish Vikander playing German, the performances could have been lost in translation, but all three performers step up to the mark admirably.

Hammer shows great restraint and straight-faced comedy as Kuryakin, in a performance that impresses while Cavill's leading man looks play well into a suave spy character that drips with charisma and cool.

Vikander's Gaby is more resourceful than your average female lead in an action film, and shows a deft hand at the comedic aspect of the performance, sharing a humorous chemistry with Kuryakin as they are thrown together by the needs of the mission.

With Elizabeth Debicki giving it full-throttle glamour puss as the villainous Victoria (even if there's not much substance behind the character) and an enjoyable extended cameo from Hugh Grant, there's little to quibble about in terms of the acting – but the real problems lie beneath.

Ritchie and Lionel Wigram's script keeps the general set-up of the TV series, and gives it a little more depth in terms of the back story. The humour comes with a nod and a wink, and plays smartly, but the actual thrust of the

narrative over-complicates and is at odds with Ritchie's frothy and stylish direction.

He's always been a director with a love of flashy visuals, and here is no exception. With its Rome setting lending itself to an appropriation of the 1960s style new-wave, Ritchie takes great pleasure in jumping the story forward and then shooting back to explain itself, split screens and other devices that look great, but feel overused and distract from the story trying to be told.

There are some very clever and amusing sequences (the opening car chase, a torture session that doesn't quite pan out, a boat chase that starts out serious and then gets played for laughs); but the overall sense is of Ritchie over-egging his blockbuster pudding – and it makes it far from easy to digest.

It's a diverting and entertaining enough film, but not one that you'll come out of loving in any great way. *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.* is stylish, sophisticated and looks pretty good (and that's just the lead actors), but it feels a little too dense and overly-directed for its own good, sadly.

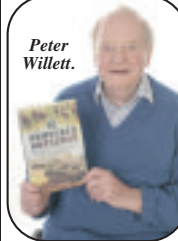
VERDICT: A victim of its own shortcomings, *The Man From U.N.C.L.E.* looks great but lacks the sturdiness to make for a really great blockbuster. The performances are impressive, but the plot finds itself getting bogged down too easily and Guy Ritchie's direction is sometimes too slick for its own good. *Enjoyable.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation* (2015), *Live and Let Die* (1973).

Mayor's coffee
MAYOR of Barry, Coun Emma Pritchard, will be hosting a coffee morning on Thursday, September 3 at Ty Hapus, 163 Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HP at 10am to 12pm in aid of the charities the Mayor has chosen to support during her term of office which are Ty Hapus and MNDA (Motor Neurone Disease) Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan.

For more information contact 01446 704921, or email juliehurd@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

REVIEW: Armoured Horsemen by Brian Lee



A WELL-KNOWN and respected figure in the racing world, Peter Willett's extensive wartime service may come as a surprise to his many friends and acquaintances.

He has seldom spoken of his time with The Queen's Bays during the North African and Italian campaigns.

In this well written book, he has recorded his experiences of fighting with Eighth Army and the comradeship of regimental soldiering.

As well as satisfying the military enthusiast, the book will find a ready audience in the racing fraternity as after the war he had a long career in racing as a journalist, bloodstock consultant and administrator.

He became a member of the Jockey Club and was a director of Goodwood racecourse. His stories of other racing journalists and trainers are something of an eye opener and the book is sure to appeal to all horse racing enthusiasts.

Armoured Horsemen by Peter Willett is published by Pen & Sword Books at £19.99.

WHAT'S ON

Advice

THE Welsh Lib-Dem regional AM for South Wales West, Peter Black, will hold a surgery on Friday, August 21 in Pyle Life Centre from 2pm to 3pm. No appointment is necessary.

Surfing lesson

CHANNEL Coast Surf Club will be running their first ever 'Introduction to Surfing' day at Llantwit Major beach on Saturday, August 22 at 2.30pm, targeted at young surfing novices. To book a place, email: channelcoastsurfclub@hotmail.com or call 07969 288224.

Charity coffee

LOCAL M&S stores are supporting the 25th anniversary of Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Morning on Friday, September 25.

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For more information on World's Biggest Coffee Morning and to get your free coffee morning kit, visit www.coffee.macmillan.org.uk or text SEPT to 70550.

Vintage tractor run
THE Omore Castle vintage tractor run will be held on October 4 in the Omore Castle field, by permission of Mr Robert Williams.

Registration of tractors will take place from 9am and the run will start at 10.30am.

All money raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Support (total raised to day £2,865).

The planned route will be: Omore – Southerndown – Wick – Colwinston – Llyswoerney – Pentre Meyrick – Cornstown – Ewenny – Omore village.

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Shane wings in for Velindre at Pencoed RFC

WALES and British Lions legend Shane Williams will be making a rare appearance in Pencoed on October 2 to support the Velindre Cancer Centre, where he is an ambassador.

Shane scored his record-breaking 58th try for Wales with the very last touch of his international career in added time against Australia in Cardiff.

He will be taking part in Velindre's Ride the Rockies bike ride in September 2016, and is appearing at Pencoed RFC to support two of his fellow riders. After

successfully completing the East Coast Bike Ride in 2014 and raising over £10,000 for Velindre, Jake Morris and Shaine Napper have organized the fundraising event for their Ride the Rockies Challenge.

At Pencoed RFC, he will be appearing at a special question and answer session following the New Zealand v Georgia World Cup match.

Individual tickets are £13, or tables of 10 for £120. Tickets can be purchased at Pencoed RFC or by ringing Jake on 07824 636306 or Shaine on 07513 011552.

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London assistants on a learning curve in Bridgend county!

DURING elections, one of the things you hear on the doorstep is the accusation that politicians only come knocking when they want your vote.

I worked out long ago that with a constituency of around 65,000 and mainly Fridays to get out on the doorstep, I would need to meet around 500 people a week over five years to succeed in meeting everyone.

As political parties decline in numbers of members who are willing to come out and help door knock, finding new ways of reaching out to people is imperative.

I send out my This Week in Westminster round-up every Friday to a few thousand constituents. Then there are newsletters bringing updates on welfare, defence, climate change, international development and criminal justice issues when the Commons is in recess.

I've yet to have my holiday in this recess, as it's been a hectic one of visits and meetings.

Last week, I brought my two staff from Westminster down to Bridgend to spend a week getting to know the area. Each day, Matthew and Anna and I were in supermarkets or on streets doing surgeries, so they could learn the different parts of the constituencies and the main areas of concern.

It was an interesting week, not least of all seeing the different people who shopped in each store and where they came from. Mornings were in supermarkets and afternoons on doorsteps and in houses.

In talking to one of the supermarket managers, I learned of the different shopping habits of various age groups. Internet shopping is especially used by the young. Groceries are now either picked up on the way home, delivered to

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Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive report from Westminster for GEM readers.



garages, or motorway service stations to secure lockers that are opened with a key code, or brought to the home in the evening.

Older shoppers like to see what they are buying but many also like them then delivered to the home. We could be seeing the end of the big supermarkets as more people go online to shop rather than push a trolley down the aisles.

In each of the supermarkets the surgery was different: in some, I had a constant queue of people wanting to talk to me with problems that needed resolving. In others I went from table to table chatting to people about national and local issues.

When visiting people at home during the street surgeries, most of the questions were local council issues, though there were still a few national concerns raised – such as the decline of bees, personal independence payments and the cost of flood insurance.

I asked Matthew and Anna what their lasting impressions of the visit would be: their first impression was of how green the area is. Coming from the high rise, high density of London, the open spaces and green fields of the Bridgend area were a delight.

They have seen Bridgend on maps, but until you drive between Bridgend and Kenfig Hill or Porthcawl and Coity you don't have a real picture of an area.

Car parking was raised as an issue several times and the cause of considerable distress and tension. Car parking is less of an issue in London – most people use public transport as a car is a costly liability in the centre of London, as

well as being the slowest and most expensive way of moving around because of parking and congestion charges.

Coming from a multi-racial London to Bridgend, it was also a surprise to see we have only 4.6 per cent of local residents who are foreign born, which equates to just over 3,600 people.

Our unemployment is low, thanks to Welsh Assembly initiatives with only 2.5 per cent unemployment or 934 people.

Youth unemployment is slightly higher at 3.6 per cent or 230 of those 934 people. The picture of large numbers of people claiming unemployment benefit does not reflect the figures here. What we do have are 2,700 people

needing to claim working tax credits because of low wages and that we need to tackle.

The week was a great success. They loved staying in Porthcawl and waking up to the sound of the sea every morning. They loved meeting with and talking to local people and have gone back to London with a deeper insight into the constituency and the issues which affect and concern people locally.

They were not surprised to find that in every surgery people wanted to ask me about the Labour leadership contest and who I was supporting. (The answer is Yvette Cooper, for those of you who don't already know).

The final big plus was getting to know the two staff in Bridgend who both live and work here all of the time.

Communication between the two offices is important and there is no better way of improving that communication than spending time together and sharing understanding of priorities and ways of tackling them.

Volunteers who help keep the county 'green'



AS part of its #MyGreenSpace campaign, BCBC is turning the spotlight on volunteers who help maintain green spaces in the county.

They conserve valuable natural habitats by getting involved in activities such as hedge laying, coppicing, dry stone walling, litter picks and general maintenance.

'Bryngarw Park Volunteer Group' supports the work of park rangers at Bryngarw Country Park. Leigh Forman, a volunteer, said: "I have been volunteering for the last six years or so and I've learnt a whole range of new skills. I've also made a lot of new friends and the volunteering is a great way to get to see different parts of the county borough's varied countryside and coast."

New volunteers are always welcomed throughout the county borough. Contact

www.naturalneighbourhoods.com.

The website has been created by the council, in partnership with Welsh Government, and highlights the work of the local authority's countryside team, community groups, nature groups, charities and other organisations such as the Wildlife Trust and Keep Wales Tidy.

Coun Hywel Williams, cabinet member for communities, said: "As a council, there is only so much that we can do ourselves, so it is great to see such a committed network of volunteers and groups who are so passionate about our countryside."

"Bryngarw Country Park, Maesteg Welfare Park, Ogmere Valley Priide and Wilderness Lakes in Porthcawl all have active 'Friends Groups' who work all year-round on various volunteer activities including scrub clearance and invasive species control."

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"The appetite for full-time learners to study at CAVC is high with our A Level courses in particular receiving an unprecedented number of applications."

"With our new state-of-the-art campus and the depth and breadth of courses available, it's an exciting time to be part of Cardiff and Vale College."

"Competition for places is high, but there are still places available for some courses starting in September."

"Our enrolment period over the coming weeks will provide those who've yet to make their final choices with the opportunity to come along and receive advice and guidance; and to secure their place on a first come, first served basis to study at CAVC."

And there's never been a better time to join one of the largest colleges in the country. Student success rates have continued to rise,

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with more learners achieving their main qualification year on year. Last year, 78 per cent of learners progressed straight into further learning or employment just three months after completing their course – 750 of which progressed to university.

Cameron Patterson is just one former Cardiff and Vale College student who claimed his place at university, after getting the qualifications he needed.

Cameron said: "When I moved back from China, I had a few options in terms of where to study. After speaking with my family and hearing about the excellent quality of teaching and friendly atmosphere, as well as taking a look at the college website, I knew Cardiff and Vale College was the place for me."

"My main goal was to get into university and with the help of the tutors, as well as the large range of resources available, it has made the process a straightforward one."

"I now have a place studying a four-year MSC course in Natural Sciences at Lancaster University, one of the top ten universities in the UK."

Students looking to progress straight into employment after college are also reaping the benefits from their time at CAVC.

Bethan Gould, studies Level 3 CACHE Diploma, Children's Care Learning and Development and has already secured a job within the industry, following a successful work placement undertaken as part of her course.

Bethan explained: "I finished my GCSEs, and staying on at school to study A-Levels didn't appeal to me. I've always been interested in childcare and thought this would be the best step to take."

"Whilst I've been studying at the college, I've gained a work placement within the

Courses in childcare are popular.



The college has excellent resources and a friendly atmosphere.

industry and that's led to me getting a job at a nursery. If I hadn't done this course, I wouldn't have got the job I have now.

"The staff have been fantastic here and rescheduled my lessons around my work."

"My long-term goal is to become a nursery assistant and the tutors have been so helpful in making that happen."

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BACK to school can be both an expensive and stressful time for parents, particularly as children going to secondary school for the first time are asked to choose what instrument they would like to learn to play.

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New for this year are Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School and St Cyres School: Bryn Hafren has a new headteacher starting in September and the school is proud to launch its new uniform with navy blazers and gold braiding.

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Over 90 per cent of children visit a dentist regularly, while only 53 per cent of children have ever had an eye examination. (Johnson & Johnson, Vision Care Survey 2009.)

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VISITORS LOVED DAY OUT AT THE VALE SHOW AND MEETING UP WITH FRIENDS

PEOPLE attend the Vale of Glamorgan Show from far and wide. Many are from the Vale, but visitors and competitors come from as far away as west Wales, Herefordshire and the west country.

As you can see from Mike Wilcock's images, it was a relaxing day, full of fun and friendship.

**PHOTOGRAPHS by
MIKE WILCOCK**



The Vale Show proves once again it is one of south Wales' great days out



St Cyres head congratulates his students

ST CYRES A-Level students have once more performed exceptionally well in their A-Level examinations.

There were many outstanding individual achievements with 78 per cent of the school's results being at grades A* - C and the overall pass rate at 99 per cent. After record-breaking results last year, St Cyres students have yet again excelled, producing one of our best ever set of A-Level results, said a spokeswoman.

In addition, a number of year-12 students achieved major success in their AS examinations.

Dr Jonathan Hicks - headteacher - both at university and in their commented: "This is a

fantastic way to end of first year in our new school building and is due to their own hard work, and the professionalism and dedication of our teaching staff who have supported them every step of the way.

"Our year-13 students have risen to the challenges we have set them and have achieved a superb set of results. We are incredibly proud of them and I congratulate them on their achievements and wish them well in the next stage of their lives.

"Education should be a lifelong habit and our students are now well-placed to achieve further success, both at university and in their future careers."



THOSE who visited this year's Vale Show agree that it was one of the busiest for many a year - thanks to the huge efforts of organisers, competitors and exhibitors.

As you can see from Glyn Evans' images, everyone, young and old, had a great day out.



PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

OTHER PICTURES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THIS EVENT.

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The Vale of Glamorgan Council PROPOSED ROAD JUNCTION AT CROSS COMMON ROAD AND CARDIFF ROAD DINAS POWYS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council as Highway Authority for Dinas Powys intends to submit a planning application for permission to create a new junction at Cross Common Road and Cardiff Road Dinas Powys in accordance with Articles 10 and 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012.

Members of the Public and land owners* / Tenants** may inspect the proposals including

- the application
- the plans
- and other documents submitted with it

At the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Docks Offices Subway Road Barry during normal office hours and on line at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Representations must be made to The Director of Development Services at the same address no later than Thursday 3rd September 2015.

* **"owner"** means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years, or, in the case of development consisting of the winning or working of minerals, a person entitled to an interest in a mineral in the land (other than oil, gas, coal, gold or silver).

** **"tenant"** means an agricultural tenant, as defined in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, of land any part of which is comprised in the land to which the application relates.

Statement of owners' rights

The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or in a lease.

Statement of agricultural tenants' rights

The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure.

Dated this 20th Day of August 2015

M. E. Punter
Director of Visible Services & Housing,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps Depot,
Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2015 CYFFORDD ARFAETHEDIG CROSS COMMON ROAD A CARDIFF ROAD, DINAS POWYS,

HYSBYSIR trwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg fel Awdurdod Ffyrdd Dinas Powys, yn bwriadu gwneud cais am ganiatâd i greu cyffordd newydd wrth Cardiff Road a Cross Common Road, yn unol ag Erthyglau 10 a 25 Gorchymyn Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref (Trefn Rheoli Datblygu) (Cymru) 2012.

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Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show

ROUND-UP FROM THE SHOW!



GEM staff (and Vale Show visitors) boost Marie Curie hospice...

MARIE CURIE Hospice, Cardiff and the Vale, is to receive £282 – after the GEM sales staff organised a special raffle at the Vale of Glamorgan show!

Thanks to the following local businesses for their kind donations to our raffle, and to everyone who bought a raffle ticket.

Lucky winners are printed next to their prize and contributor.

JRC Jewellery – pearl earrings, winner Viv Emmett.

Colours – £25 gift voucher, winner Mrs Davies.

Pebble, Cowbridge – £20 gift voucher, winner Miss Pullen.

Pocket Full of Presents – dried flowers, winner Sarah Sheehan.

Carne Arms – meal for two, winner Mrs Dobbs.

Jade Boutique – necklace, winner P Hamilton.

Vic Hopkins Butchers, VFM Meat Supplier, and Food For Thought – top, winner Libby Stock.

hamper, winner Rebecca. Frangoulis Shoe Repairs – leather wallet, winner Sophie.

Birds in A Barn – scarf, winner Mrs Thomas.

Elephant & Bun – £15 gift voucher, winner Mrs Barratt.

Jon Ian – ladies' scarf, winner Gemma Cooper.

High Street Jewellers – child's watch and teddy, winner Mrs Salter.

Pencil Case – £5 gift voucher, winner Sheila.

Beauty Within – back, neck and shoulder massage, winner Mr A Thompson.

Arboreal – lunch for two, winner A Bennett.

Hair Business – redesign haircut, winner Emma.

Norma Davies

Opticians – free eye test, winner Mostyn.

Sylvia Williams – goody bag, winner Peter Davies.

Arthur John – Barbour top, winner Libby Stock.



ABOVE: Jan, Wendy and Samantha were raising funds for Marie Curie on The GEM stall at the Vale Show.

...and AM adds her support

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, supported Marie Curie on The GEM newspaper's stand at last week's Vale Show.

She also joined Vale Mayor Coun Fred Johnson to show their support for Slade Farm Organics' monthly meat boxes at the show.

"They are great and the bacon is amazing!" the AM commented.



The AM is pictured with Jan Irving at The GEM stall.

Visitors gain insight into war research

THE Western Front Association exhibited at the Vale of Glamorgan Show in a large tent with a lot of items on display – and a lot of visitors.

The display included collections of medals, both British and German, trench art and items recovered from the battlefields, as well as displays of photographs including an excellent selection of members of the Glamorgan Yeomanry – quite often ancestors of our visitors.

With the centenary of the Battle of Mametz Wood on July 7 – 11 2016, the Memorial has been refurbished and the Dragon itself repainted so it looked really great as the centrepiece of a display about the battle, the first major action of the 38th (Welsh) Division.

The WFA team, which included both our chairman and hon secretary, had a busy

day talking about the war generally and the Battle of Mametz in particular, discussing how to research ancestors who served, the men who had won the medals, and how the equipment on display worked.

Our visitors, ladies, gentlemen and children, all seemed to be interested in hearing about the war.

However, it was a two-way process, as several of our visitors had researched ancestors who served and were able to tell us

about them. The team all felt we had had a very successful and interesting day and hope to be back at the show next year.

The South Wales Branch meets at the Fairwater Conservative Club, Ely Road, Cardiff, at 7.30pm on the first Friday of the month.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members and full details of the talks are on our branch website.

GAVIN DAVIES

Fun police presence at this year's show

THE Safer Vale Partnership was out in force at this year's Vale Agricultural Show in Fônnon Castle, Barry.

Police officers and PCSOs were there on Wednesday, August 12, to meet the thousands of visitors who attend every year to sample the best that Welsh agriculture has to showcase.

PC Sam Beaumont, from the Safer Vale Partnership, said: "The Vale Agricultural Show attracts many thousands of people to the area. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to meet people from different communities, to listen to them and offer advice."



EAT by St David's

A food lover's paradise in the heart of the city centre...

St David's Cardiff is well known for bringing the biggest and best brands to Wales.

As well as being a shopper's haven, it's also home to over 40 restaurants and cafes, with something to suit all tastes.

It's not just a place to grab a sandwich and coffee, think speciality burritos from the newly opened Barburrito, American-style service at Ed's Easy Diner, Tokyo Teriyaki tastes from Mount Fuji restaurant, over twenty delicious flavours of Gelato from Joe Delucci's and a Treetop Adventure Golf café – perfect for relaxing when the little ones play during the summer holidays.

If you're making an evening of it, St David's is unrivalled in its selection of restaurants. You can enjoy Italian flavours in an alfresco setting at Jamie's Italian, the very best of Mexican street eating at Wahaca, or a tempting range of tapas and cocktails at The Cosy Club.

To celebrate all things food, St David's has launched Eat Club, a new interactive community packed full of the latest food and drink news, exclusive offers and competitions from across the restaurants and cafes at St David's.

Everyone that signs up will receive full access to top tips and interviews from celebrity chefs, along with recipe ideas straight from restaurants in the centre to try at home.

The monthly Eat club e-newsletter features invites to special events as well as offers from some of Cardiff's most popular eating and drinking spots.



To sign up to Eat Club, head to www.stdavidscardiff.com/eat today. Get involved in the conversation: @stdavidscardiff #EatbyStDavids



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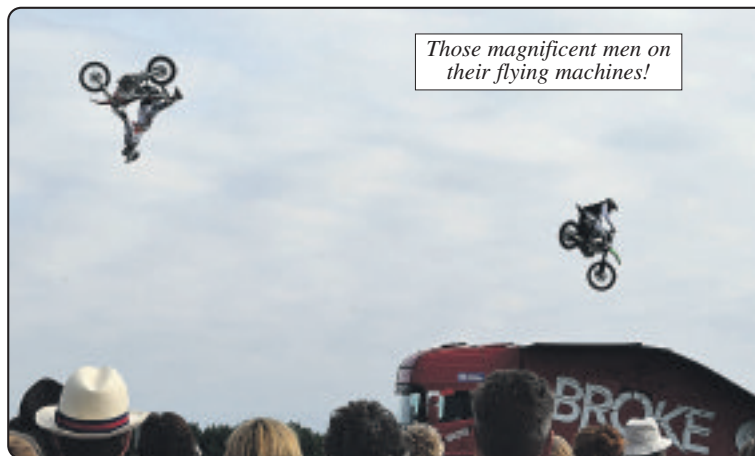
Daredevil cyclists, scary rides – and even giant vegetables – all at the Vale of Glamorgan Show!

THERE was one complaint at this year's Vale Show – just not enough time to see everything in one day!

With so many aspects of rural life on display, there was always something fascinating just around the corner.

The tented areas were busy all day long, as show-goers sought out the very best in local produce, crafts and services!

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MIKE WILCOCK



Those magnificent men on their flying machines!



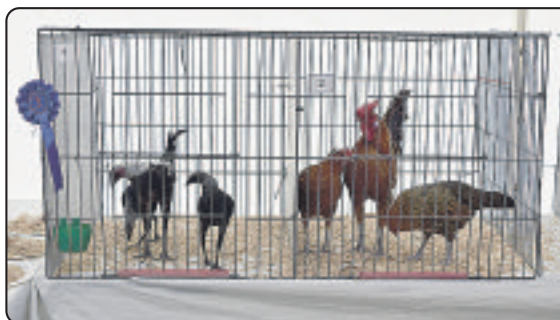
The Mayor of Cowbridge, Coun Dave Morris, with consort Lorraine Pointon-Bell and Andrew RT Davies AM.



LEFT: The Mayor of Llantwit Major, Coun Tricia Lancaster, with her husband Derek.



ABOVE: Philip Vowles with a giant marrow!



BEEF, CATTLE AND FARMING RESULTS FROM THIS YEAR'S VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW

ANY PURE BEEF BREED OTHER THAN LIMOUSIN: CLASS 1 Bull born on or before 31.12.2012: 1st 182 VJ THOMAS & SON, PANCROSS FARM, LLANCFARFAN.

CLASS 2: Bull born on or after 01.01.13: 1st RHYS MILLICHAP, RHIW GARN FARM, TONYREFAIL; 2nd 3 RHYS MILLICHAP; 3rd 4 RHYS MILLICHAP; 4th 5 SW PEGINGTON, NANT Y GELLI FARM, LLANGWM, USK.

CLASS 3: Cow or heifer or with calf at foot or cow in calf: NO ENTRIES.

CLASS 4: Heifer in calf: 1st 9 RHYS MILLICHAP; 2nd 10 SW PEGINGTON.

CLASS 5: Maiden heifer: 1st 13 ARWYN PRICHARD, VIANS HILL FARM, ST NICHOLAS; 2nd 11 GARY WILLIAM LOVERING; 3rd 12 GARY WILLIAM LOVERING.

CLASS 6: Pair owned by the same exhibitor: 1st 15 RHYS MILLICHAP; 2nd 17 SW PEGINGTON; 3rd 16 RHYS MILLICHAP; 4th 181 GARY WILLIAM LOVERING.

THE PETER WOOD AND SONS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE ANY OTHER BEEF BREED CLASSES.

1c: Winner 9 RHYS MILLICHAP; 13 ARWYN PRICHARD.

THE MISS ELLEN THOMAS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST HEREFORD EXHIBIT

Winner 13 ARWYN PRICHARD.

LIMOUSIN: CLASS 7: Bull born on or before 31.12.12: 1st 18 GARETH JENKINS, TY NEWYDD FARM, GROES FAEN.

CLASS 8 Bull born on or after 01.01.13: 1st 19 PJ & S EDWARDS, TY DRAW FARM, GELLIWION RD, MAESYCOED, PONTYPRIDD; 2nd 21 GARETH JENKINS.

CLASS 9: Cow or heifer with calf at foot or cow in calf: 1st 23 GARETH JENKINS; 2nd 132 E & N PHILLIPS, BLACKMEADOWS, LLANTILIO CROSSENNY, ABERGAVENNY.

CLASS 10: Heifer in calf: 1st 133 E & N PHILLIPS, BLACKMEADOWS, LLANTILIO CROSSENNY, ABERGAVENNY; 2nd 22 GARETH JENKINS.

CLASS 11: Maiden heifer: 1st 25 LM HOWELLS, GELLI FARM, CYMMER; 2nd 183 GARETH JENKINS.

CLASS 12: Pair owned by the same exhibitor: 1st 27 GARETH JENKINS; 2nd 134 E & N PHILLIPS; 3rd 27a GARETH JENKINS.

The M. T. BOARD CUP for the best pair of Limousin cattle: 3c Winner 27, GARETH JENKINS.

ARTHUR JOHN AND CO. PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE LIMOUSIN CLASSES

4c Overall Champion in the Limousin section: Champ 23 GARETH JENKINS; Res 25 LM HOWELLS.

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Best Pair of Inter-breed Beef cattle owned by the same exhibitor (winner of classes 6 and 12)

THE DALGETY ROSFIELD CUP for the BEST PAIR OF BEEF CATTLE: 5c Winner RHYS MILLICHAP.

Interbreed beef championship (to be competed for by the champion of both beef sections)

THE HERBERT R. THOMAS CUP for the BEST EXHIBIT IN ALL THE BEEF CLASSES: 6c Winner 23 GARETH JENKINS; Reserve RHYS MILLICHAP.

Beef Championships; Overall Limousin champion: Champion, GARETH JENKINS; Reserve LM HOWELLS.

Overall any breed Champion: Champion GARETH JENKINS; Reserve RHYS MILLICHAP.

Interbreed Beef Champion: Champion GARETH JENKINS; Reserve RHYS MILLICHAP.

Best pair Interbreed: Champion RHYS MILLICHAP; Reserve GARETH JENKINS.

HOLSTEIN CLASSES:

CLASS 13: Calf under 12 months on day of show: 1st 36 VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd 39 TYRYWEN HOLSTAINS, MAESYCWMMER; 3rd 184 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER, CASTLE FARM, BISHTON.

CLASS 14: Maiden heifer over 12 and under 18 months on day of show: 1st 50 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 2nd 49 TYRYWEN HOLSTAINS.

MERVYN THOMAS DROS Y MOR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 50 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER.

CLASS 15: Heifer in calf, to calve, no older than 36 months: 1st 56 CLIVE THOMAS, DROS Y MOR, LLANTWIT MAJOR; 2nd 59 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 3rd 57 VJ THOMAS & SON; 4th 60 E READER & SONS, GOLDSLAND FARM, WENVOE.

CLASS 16: Cow in calf but not in milk – any age: 1st 64 R & M LOUGHER & SONS, TY

TANGLWYST FARM, PYLE; 2nd 62 VJ THOMAS & SON.

CLASS 17: Heifer in milk: 1st 130 JACK WATTS, TYN Y CWM FARM, BEDWAS; 2nd 66 VJ THOMAS & SON; 3rd 67 E READER & SONS; 4th 68 R & M LOUGHER & SONS.

THE LADBROOKE (BRIDGEND CREAMERY) CHALLENGE SHIELD: Winner 130 JACK WATTS.

CLASS 18: Junior cow in milk (2nd/3rd lactation only): 1st 71 VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd 75 WILL TUCKER, STONEAWAY, HORTON, GOWER; 3rd 72 R & M LOUGHER & SONS; 4th 70 VJ THOMAS & SON.

CLASS 19: Senior cow in milk (4th lactation and above): 1st 78 R & M LOUGHER & SONS; 2nd 76 VJ THOMAS & SON; 3rd 77 VJ THOMAS & SON.

GOLDEN VALE DAIRIES CUP: Winner 78 R & M LOUGHER & SONS.

In milk champion (eligible from classes 17, 18 and 19): Champion 130 JACK WATTS; Reserve 76 VJ THOMAS & SON.

THE GLYNNE CLAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE HOLSTEIN CLASSES: Winner 130 JACK WATTS.

CLASS 20: Group of 8 in calf Holstein heifers to be judged on the farm, at least three weeks prior to the show: 1st VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd H D HANKS & SON, TY CANOL FARM, LLANTRITHYD; 3rd R & M LOUGHER & SONS; 4th CLIVE THOMAS.

WILLIAMS & GLYNNE CUP: Winner VJ THOMAS & SON.

ANY OTHER PURE DAIRY BREED:

CLASS 21: Maiden heifer any breed other than Holstein: 1st 85 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 2nd 82 RP & KJ GRANVILLE, GELLI FARM, CEFN CRIBBWR, BRIDGEND; 3rd 87 E READER & SONS.

CLASS 21A: Heifer in calf, to calve no older than 36 months: 1st 185 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 2nd 186 RP & KJ GRANVILLE.

CLASS 22: Dairy Cow. Any breed other than Holstein: 1st 92 E READER & SONS; 2nd 93 E READER & SONS; 3rd 89 RP & KJ GRANVILLE.

RICHARD TAYLOR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 92 E READER & SONS.

CLASS 23: Heifer in milk. Any breed other than Holstein: 1st 94 RP & KJ GRANVILLE.

Any other pure dairy Breed Championship Champion: 92 E READER & SONS; Reserve 85 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER.

THE G.A.H SAMUEL MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL FOR THE WINNER OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP: Winner 92 E READER & SONS.

CLASS 24: Interbreed production and inspection class (NMR & CIS): 1st 95 VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd 96 R & M LOUGHER & SONS.

THE SPILLERS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 95 VJ THOMAS & SON.

CLASS 25: Best pair of dairy females, owned and shown by the same exhibitor: 1st 100 VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd 101 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 3rd 188 R & M LOUGHER & SONS.

BILL FRANCIS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST PAIR OF DAIRY FEMALES: Winner 100 VJ THOMAS & SON.

CLASS 26: Group of three dairy cattle, owned and shown by the same exhibitor: 1st 105 VJ THOMAS & SON; 2nd 189 R & M LOUGHER; 3rd E READER & SONS.

THE CORPORATION OF COWBRIDGE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL FOR THE BEST GROUP OF DAIRY CATTLE: Winner 105 VJ THOMAS & SON.

Overall Dairy Championships: Calf Champion Points: Champion KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; Reserve VJ THOMAS & SON.

Champion Heifer in milk: Champion: JACK WATTS; Reserve VJ THOMAS & SON.

Champion Cow in milk: Champion VJ THOMAS & SON; Reserve R & M LOUGHER & SONS.

Best pair Dairy females - Class 25: Champion VJ THOMAS & SON; Reserve KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER.

THE TJ YORWERTH MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST DAIRY COW OR HEIFER IN THE SHOW: Winner JACK WATTS; Reserve VJ THOMAS & SON.

CALF HANDLING: CLASS 27: 12 and under on the day of the show calf 12 months and under – any breed: 1st 115 TYRYWEN HOLSTAINS; 2nd 114 VJ THOMAS & SON; 3rd 116 E READER & SONS; 4th WILLIAM WALTERS, MAES WARD, BONVILSTON.

THE GLAMORGAN FARM SUPPLIES TROPHY: Winner 115 TYRYWEN HOLSTAINS.

CLASS 28: 13-18 on the day of the Show. Calf 12 months and under – any breed: 1st 122 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 2nd 123 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER; 3rd 118 RP & KJ GRANVILLE; 4th 120 TYRYWEN HOLSTAINS;

THE PJ LLEWELLYN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 122 KEVIN RICKARD & SIAN WEBBER.

CLASS 29: 19-26 on the day of the Show. Calf 18 months and under – any breed: 126 RP & KJ GRANVILLE; 127 VJ THOMAS & SON; 128 SAM WILLIAMS, ST BRIDES MAJOR; 1st 126 RP & KJ GRANVILLE; 2nd 127 VJ THOMAS & SON; 3rd E READER.

THE WJ BASSETT PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 126 RP & KJ GRANVILLE.

Overall cattle winner

THE WYNHAM IVOR RADCLIFFE MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBITOR IN THE CATTLE CLASSES: Winner 127 VJ THOMAS & SON; Res R.MILLICHAP; G.JENKINS.

GRASS SILAGE CLASSES:

CLASS 124: For the Best Clamp of Silage: 1st LYNDON JOSEPH, MOUNT PLEASANT FARM, STORMY DOWN; 2nd O.ANTSEY & SON, TY FRY FARM, PENDOYLAN; 3rd VJ THOMAS & SON; 4th H.D. HANKS & SON.

THE MAJOR FRANK HOMFRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: 2d Winner LYNDON JOSEPH.

CLASS 125: For the Best Bag of Silage: 1st T.W. JARVIS & SON, GELLI GOL FARM, LLANSANNOR; 2nd R&L. ANTHONY, TYTHEGSTON FARM, BRIDGEND; 3rd T.D. LLEWELLYN & SON, OLDDEAUPRE FARM, ST HILARY; 4th P.C. THOMAS & SON, SPOTT FARM, WICK.

FRED WILLIAMS MEMORIAL CUP: 3d Winner T.W. JARVIS & SON.

LEY CLASSES:

CLASS 126: Long Term Ley - 3 or more seasons: 1st GARETH REES, WRINSTONE FARM, WENVOE; 2nd E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON, PENMARK PLACE, PENMARK; 3rd LYNDON JOSEPH; 4th I.G. JEFFRIES & SON, EAST MONKTON FARM, WICK.

THE GEORGE GIBSON PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST 4d LONG TERM LEY: Winner GARETH REES.

CLASS 127: Short Term Ley - 1 or 2 seasons (to include Italian Rye Grass): 1st E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON; 2nd G ANTHONY & SON, HAREGROVE FARM, LALESTON; 3rd R&L. ANTHONY, TYTHEGSTON FARM, BRIDGEND; 4th JACK EVANS & SON, MARCROSS FARM, MARCROSS.

THE PENLYNE CRICKET CLUB PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: 5d Winner E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON.

COMBINABLE CROP CLASSES:

CLASS 128: Best Field of Winter Barley: 1st G.MORGAN & SON, VILLAGE HOUSE, MARCROSS; 2nd G.ANTHONY & SON; 3rd JOHN LEWIS, TY FRY, ST GEORGES; 4th R.S. THOMAS & SON, SUTTON NEWYDD FARM, WICK.

THE EVAN CROOK MEMORIAL CUP: 6d Winner G.MORGAN & SON, VILLAGE HOUSE, MARCROSS.

CLASS 129: Best Field of Winter Oats: 1st E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON; 2nd R.J. THOMAS & SON, GILESTON FARM, ST ATHAN.

JAMES JAMES JP MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY 7d: Winner E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON.

CLASS 130: Best Field of Winter Wheat: 1st R&L. ANTHONY; 2nd E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON; 3rd W.D. JAMES & SON, THE GRANGE, WICK; 4th VJ. THOMAS.

THE W.D JAMES MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY 8d: Winner R&L. ANTHONY.

CLASS 131: Best Field of Spring Barley: 1st D.ANTHONY & SON, CWM RISCA FARM, LALESTON; 2nd GRAHAM DAVID, NORTON HALL FARM, ST. BRIDES MAJOR; 3rd T.W. JARVIS & SON, GELLI GOL FARM, LLANSANNOR; 4th DAVID WILLIAMS BRIGHAM FARM, LLANHARRY.

VALE SHOW PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP 9d: Winner D.ANTHONY & SON, CWM RISCA FARM, LALESTON.

CLASS 132: The Best Winter Oilseed Crop: 1st R&L. ANTHONY; 2nd W.D. JAMES & SON, THE GRANGE, WICK; 3rd E.H. RADCLIFFE & SON, PENMARK PLACE, PENMARK; 4th P.C. THOMAS & SON, SPOTT FARM, WICK.

GWYN JERVIS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP 10d: Winner R&L. ANTHONY.

CLASS 133: Best Field of Beans: NO ENTRIES.

THE ROBERT MORGAN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP 11d: NO ENTRIES.

CLASS 134: Best Field of Spring Oats: NO

ENTRIES.

CLASS 135: Best Field of Spring Wheat: NO ENTRIES.

THE ROBERT THOMAS MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: 12d: Winner: EH RADCLIFFE & SON; 2nd R&L. ANTHONY; 3rd W.D. JAMES & SON.

MAIZE CLASSES:

CLASS 136: Best Field of Maize: 1st R&L. ANTHONY; 2nd VJ. THOMAS & SON; 3rd WILLIAM WALTERS, MAESYWARD FARM, BONVILSTON; 4th R.J. LOUGHER & SON.

THE A R THOMAS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST MAIZE CROP: 13d Winner R&L. ANTHONY.

CLASS 137: Best Clamp of Maize Silage: 1st VJ. THOMAS & SON; 2nd WILLIAM WALTERS; 3rd R&L. ANTHONY; 4th JACK EVANS & SON.

GROWING ROOT CROP CLASSES:

CLASS 138 One Acre of Potatoes: 1st GWYN REES, WRINSTONE FARM, WENVOE; 2nd RHODRI DAVIES, ROSEDEW FARM, LLANTWIT MAJOR; 3rd R.E. LEWIS, TY FRY FARM, ST GEORGES.

LLANCFARFAN PLOUGHING MATCH SOCIETY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: 14d Winner GWYN REES, WRINSTONE FARM, WENVOE.

THE VIVIAN THOMAS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR MOST POINTS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTION: Winner Class 139: Bale of Seed Hay: 1st Noel Thomas; 2nd Tudor Harris.

Class 140: Bale of Meadow Hay: 1st Tudor Harris; 2nd Jones Pencoe; 3rd Jones Pencoe.

CLASS 141: Group of 10 Potatoes: 1st Rhodri Davies

Class 142: 10 kilos Wheat: 1st Radcliffe, Penmark; 2nd R & L Anthony; 3rd Thomas, Gilestone; 4th James, Wick.

Class 143: 10 kilos Oats: 1st Thomas, Gilestone; 2nd Radcliffe, Penmark; 3rd James, Wick.

Class 144: 10 kilos Barley: 1st Lewis, Ty Fry; 2nd Thomas, Gilestone; 3rd James, Wick; 4th Radcliffe, Penmark.

TRADE EXHIBITS

CLASS 1: Best Trade Stand mainly supplying goods and services to the Agricultural Industry: 1st Frank Sutton; 2nd Rob Edwards; 3rd J G Plant.

THE EDWARD JOHN MEMORIAL CUP: Winner Frank Sutton.

CLASS 2: Best Trade Stand supplying goods and services to the general public and not included in Class 1: 1st Food Court; 2nd Ashdown Mike Gillian; 3rd NFU.

THE GALE MARTIN MEMORIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY: Winner: Food Court

CLASS 3: Best Trade Stand exhibiting in the Craft Fair Marquee: 1st Mirande Bowen; 2nd Tracy Barker; 3rd Shore Things UK.

RIDDEN HUNTERS

CLASS 74: Small Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over: 1st 502 MISS RACHEL THOMAS *SHEERKHAN*; 2nd 503 MATT MCGIVERN *KILCANNON KIT KAT*.

THE PRINCIPALITY BUILDING SOCIETY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 502 MISS RACHEL THOMAS *SHEERKHAN*.

CLASS 75: Lightweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs and under: 1st 507 MRS ROSE MORGAN *TIMPANY THOMAS*; 2nd 506 JOANNA ROWE *ZAGARTO*; 3rd 511 MR & MRS WP BOWDLER *SUTTON PLACE*; 4th 508 MRS SARA JONES *MARVELLOUS MARTY*.

CLASS 76: Middleweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs not exceeding 14 stone: 1st 520 AMY WILLIAMS *BECAUSE YOUR WORTH IT*; 2nd 516 RD REES *DAVID*; 3rd 519 RHIANNON THOMAS *IN FULL CRY*; 4th 517 SCOTT CUSHION *PENLUVE MAGICAL MOMENTS*.

CLASS 77: Heavyweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 14 stone and over: 1st 522 MRS WJ GIBSON & MISS EMMA GIBSON *ACTION T* 2nd 521 MISS SIAN DAVID *GENERAL LAW*; 3rd *CHAMPION*.

EQUINE AND SHEEP RESULTS FROM THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN SHOW AT FONMON

THE CLASSIC WINDOWS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 507 MRS ROSE MORGAN *TIMPANY THOMAS*; rev 506 JOANNA ROWE *ZAGARTO*.

UNAFFILIATED HUNTER CLASSES
CLASS 78: 1st 526 MRS SARA JONES *MARVELLOUS MARTY*; 2nd 537 RHIANNON THOMAS *IN FULL CRY*; 3rd 583 ELEANOR WOODFIELD *HOGAN*; 4th 534 MR JAMES FORD *SUNNY DAY*.

THE DAN RADCLIFFE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 526 MRS SARA JONES *MARVELLOUS MARTY*.

CLASS 79: Open Working Hunter, four years old and over exceeding 148cms: 1st 501 *JOLI SMITH*; 2nd 548 RHIANNON THOMAS *IN FULL CRY*.
THE BRIDGEND GLAZING AND SILVERING CO LTD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 501 *JOLI SMITH*.

RETRAINING OF RACEHORSES

CLASS 80: The Tattersalls and RoR Thoroughbred Ridden Show Horse Class; 1st 551 MRS M THOMAS *TOSEAKY*; 2nd 748 VA BERTORELLI *MAINTAIN FAIRY*; 3rd 559 BETHANY JARVIS *FREDDIE LANE*; 4th 557 ANGELA CLARKE *ALFABET SOUK*.

LOUISE BIRKETT COMMEMORATIVE CUP: Winner 551 MRS M THOMAS *TOSEAKY*.

CLASS 81: The Re-Trained Racehorse Challenge; 1st 574 MRS SUE ARMITAGE *FLYING VIC*; 2nd 567 MRS MARGARET JOHNS *BILLYBO*; 3rd 571 RHIANYDD LEE JONES *SYMPHONY OF STARS*; 4th 569 ANGELA CLARKE *ALFABET SOUK*.

THE LATE THOMAS JENKINS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 574 MRS SUE ARMITAGE *FLYING VIC*.

SIDE SADDLE CLASS 82: Ladies Side Saddle; 1st 576 SOPHIE TRANTER *SPRING TO MIND*; 2nd 575 AMANDA DAVIES *BEECHPARK MOLLY*; 3rd 579 TANA GUEST *HARRY*; 4th 577 MRS PA YEOMAN *BONDLEIGH SEREN FACH*.
THE GREAT HOUSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE VASE TO THE WINNER OF THE LADIES SIDE SADDLE: Winner 576 SOPHIE TRANTER *SPRING TO MIND*.

RIDING HORSES AND COBS:

CLASS 83: Open Riding Horse; 1st 584 VICTORIA PIPER *PRIMITIVE SHADOW*; 2nd 581 JOANNA ROWE *ZAGARTO*; 3rd 749 VA BERTORELLI *CHAKRAVATI*; 4th 580 CHELSEA THOMAS *SWIFTS MAYFLOWER*.

THE JOHN & SARAH CORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 584 VICTORIA PIPER *PRIMITIVE SHADOW*.

CLASS 84: Open Cob, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over: 1st 591 HAYLEY GILL *TRUE COLOURS*; 2nd 593 DR B.M. LEWIS *ALCAPONE II*; 3rd 598 MRS ADELE BEYNON *PEMBROKE FERRYMAN*; 4th 596 RICHARD PRICE *DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH*.

THE MR & MRS CHRISTOPHER CORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST RIDDEN COB: Winner 591 HAYLEY GILL *TRUE COLOURS*.

CHILDREN'S RIDING PONIES

CLASS 85: "Leading Rein Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over. Not exceeding 122cms. Rider not to have attained their 8th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year.: 1st 600 SUE PEMBRIDGE *GJ'S LYRK*.

THE PRINCE OF WALES INVESTITURE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP – BEST LEADING REIN PONY: Winner 600 SUE PEMBRIDGE *GJ'S LYRK*.

CLASS 86: NO ENTRIES.

THE PETER THOMAS MEMORIAL CUP WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNER OF CLASS 76: Winner NO ENTRIES.
THE MENAI PRINCE CHARMING PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE WINNER OF THE MINI SHOW PONY CHAMPIONSHIP: Winner 600 SUE PEMBRIDGE *GJ'S LYRK*.

WORKING HUNTER PONIES

CLASS 87: The BSPS Mixed Height Novice Working Hunter Ponies; 1st 605 ANNE TUDOR *CLEMENSTONE JIVE*; 2nd 601 MRS M THOMAS *GOLDENGROVE ALACAZAR*; 3rd 602 MISS JOSIE DIX *MOLLY*.

THE SNAFFLES PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 605 ANNE TUDOR *CLEMENSTONE JIVE*.

CLASS 88: The BSPS Mixed Height Open Working Hunter Ponies; 1st 609 MRS PAT FAULKNER *KILMORE PRINCE CHARMING*; 2nd 611 LISA GARDNER *BRILLVIEW QUELLE SURPRISE*; 3rd 610 ANNE TUDOR *CLEMENSTONE JIVE*.

THE GLAMORGAN GEM PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY: Winner 609 MRS PAT FAULKNER *KILMORE PRINCE CHARMING*; reserve 611 LISA GARDNER *BRILLVIEW QUELLE SURPRISE*.

MOUNTAIN & MOORLAND PONIES

CLASS 89

Mountain & Moorland Open Heritage Lead Rein mare or gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 122cm: 1st 615 J DAVIES *GLEBEDALE ABIGAIL*; 2nd 612 MRS PAT FAULKNER *CEFNUGREDD SIONI*; 3rd 618 RHIANNON JONES *WAXWING MINI MOUSE*.
MT MORGAN CUP PRESENTED TO THE WINNER OF CLASS 79

Winner 615 J DAVIES *GLEBEDALE ABIGAIL*; Reserve 612 MRS PAT FAULKNER *CEFNUGREDD SIONI*.

CLASS 90

Mountain & Moorland Open Heritage First Ridden Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, not exceeding 128cm: 1st 619 MRS PAT FAULKNER *HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY*.

MRS G R LEWIS CHALLENGE CUP - WINNER OF CHAMPIONSHIP

Champ 631 J DAVIES *HAFODYRYNYS BRAVEHEART*; Reserve 625 MRS PAT FAULKNER *HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY*.

CLASS 91

BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland and Welsh Section A ponies 4 years old or over: 1st 621 MR AND MRS P MORGAN *TORFIELDS COPPER COIN*.

CLASS 92

BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Welsh Section B & C ponies 4 years old or over: 1st 625 MRS PAT FAULKNER *HOPE GHOSTS LITTLE BOY*; 2nd 622 MISS LUCY LLEWELLYN *PLASDELYN PHOENIX*; 3rd 626 MR JAMES FORD *GIGMAN ALMAZZ*; 4th 623 MRS M THOMAS *GIGMAN BOY GEORGE*.

CLASS 93

BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred New Forest and Connemara ponies 4 years old or over: 1st 631 J DAVIES *HAFODYRYNYS BRAVEHEART*; 2nd 632 TANIA MATTHEWS *PARCFYNNON THE STEELMAN*; 3rd 746.

CLASS 94

BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred New Forest and Connemara ponies 4 years old or over: 1st 631 J DAVIES *HAFODYRYNYS BRAVEHEART*; 2nd 632 TANIA MATTHEWS *PARCFYNNON THE STEELMAN*; 3rd 746.

CLASS 95

BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Ridden Class. Registered pure bred Fells, Dales, Highlands and Welsh Section D ponies 4 years old or over: 1st 635 MRS C BRADSHAW *LOWHOUSES GEORGE*.

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS 96

BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony. Registered pure bred ponies 4 years old or over not exceeding 122cms: 1st Eliminated; 2nd Eliminated.

CLASS 97

BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony. Registered pure bred ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 122cms but not exceeding 133cms: 1st 639 MR JAMES FORD *GIGMAN ALMAZZ*.

CLASS 98

BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony. Registered pure bred ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 133cms, but not exceeding 143cms: 1st 640 DR BM LEWIS *SWCHYRHAFOD SAMSON*; 2nd 642 SUSAN BISHOP *PENTYPARC GERRAD*; 3rd 643 ALISON SALTER *CAEMANSEL BRIGHT SPARK*.

CLASS 99

BSPS Heritage Mountain & Moorland Open Working Hunter Pony. Registered pure bred ponies 4 years old or over exceeding 143cms: 1st 645 LORRY DAVIES *BEECH HILL ARTHUR*; 2nd 646 SERENA JAMES *DOLEBOLION OUTLAW*.

CHAMPIONSHIP

J PENDOCK PORTER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP:

CHAMP 640 DR BM LEWIS *SWCHYRHAFOD SAMSON*; Res 646 SERENA JAMES *DOLEBOLION OUTLAW*.

COLOURED CLASSES

CLASS 100

Open Youngstock Qualifier. 1, 2 or 3 year olds. No foals: 1st 647 NICOLA BROWN *RUBY'S LASS*.

THE SUMMERHAZE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP: Winner 647 NICOLA BROWN *RUBY'S LASS*.

CLASS 101

Open In-hand Qualifier. Any height, age or type. No foals: 1st 655 LORNA MORGAN *BILL-I-AM*; 2nd 649 NATALIE BARRATT *CAMMARCH BAHAMA MAMA*; 3rd 656 HEIDI DUTTON *SPIRIT*; 4th 652 CERI TONKINSON *GLASCOED DANIEL*.

CLASS 102

Open Ridden Qualifier. Any type, any height:

1st 662 JACKIE WILLIAMS *ABBEYLANDS PICASSO*.

THE DOOBIE TROPHY

UNDER 18: Winner 604 CLAIRE BROWN

CHAMPIONSHIP

Champ 602 JACKIE WILLIAMS; Res 661 HAYLEY GILL.
PERPETUAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY PRESENTED BY M & S CUDDY: Winner 602 JACKIE WILLIAMS.

WELSH MOUNTAIN PONIES Section A

CLASS 103 Welsh Mountain Pony Yearling: 1st 671 OWEN FAMILY *BRYNRODYN GRYFFINDOR*; 2nd 668 COBLEY FAMILY *TRYFEL ROYAL ROSE*; 3rd 674 DAVID HUW FRANCISCEFN *GORWYDD MAGGIE MAY*; 4th 669 MISS A JERBO & MR P LOWNDES *PHILPMENA OF OLANDIA*.

CLASS 104

Welsh Mountain Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st 675 COBLEY FAMILY *TRYFEL THUMBELINA*; 2nd 681 DR WYNNE DAVIES & MR DAVID DAVIES *CEULAN CEIRRIOS*; 3rd 678 P & J RUSSELL *ROSMARCHE COWSLIP*; 4th 676 WH WALTERS *ZONNEWEIDE DIAMOND JUBILEE*.

CLASS 105

Novice Welsh Mountain Pony brood mare 4 years old or over that has never won a first prize in a brood mare class: 1st 668 COBLEY FAMILY *TRYFEL ROYAL ROSE*; 2nd 686 MR & MRS R DONATI *CEULAN LILLY*; 3rd 687 S & M COULTHARD *LLANFRECCHA VALENTINE*; 4th 685 LEAANN MULLEN *TYRGOEDS CHILLI*.

CLASS 106

Welsh Mountain Pony, mare or gelding, 4 years old or over: 1st 694 OWEN FAMILY *CRUMPWELL BLUE VIOLET*; 2nd 692 LEEANN MULLEN *TYRGOEDS CHILLI*; 3rd 695 DAVID HUW FRANCIS *CEFN GORWYDD GRACIE*; 4th 691 KELLY WESTALL *MONNOW CARYS*.

CLASS 107

Welsh Mountain Pony Foal: 1st 698 S & M COULTHARD *LLANFRECCHA VALENTINE*; 2nd 697 MR & MRS R DONATI *MILWAS LADY LLINOS*.

CLASS 108

Welsh Mountain Pony stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st 701 K & J SHEIL; 2nd 725 MRS S SMITH *CAEBANADL BOSEY*; 3rd 702 MISS C BRIMFIELD & MR E BATH *RUNSHAW LLEWELLYN*.

THE BRYNHEULOG PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP. GIVEN BY THE LATE MRS MATTHEW WILLIAMS FOR BEST WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY MARE:

Winner 694 OWEN FAMILY *CRUMPWELL BLUE VIOLET*.

THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION & PENLLYN CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN SECTION A CLASSES:

Champ 694 OWEN FAMILY *CRUMPWELL BLUE VIOLET*; Res 675 COBLEY FAMILY *TRYFEL THUMBELINA*.

THE LYNDON EVANS MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE BEST WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY 3 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER:

Winner 675 COBLEY FAMILY *TRYFEL THUMBELINA*.

WELSH PONIES Section B

CLASS 109 Welsh Pony Yearling: no entries

CLASS 110

Welsh Pony, 2 or 3 years old: 1st 707 P & J RUSSELL *BRYNGWENOL RUBY TUESDAY*; 2nd 709 MRS S J EASTON *GIGMAN CELESTE*; 3rd 705 DI & P SELICK *RHYDYGRUG VERBENA*.

CLASS 111

Welsh Pony, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st 712 JESSICA PRICE *THISTLEDOWN ARCTIC FOX*; 2nd 715 FIONA LEADBITTER *THORNBERRY ARBENIG*; 3rd 710 WH WALTERS *TREDEG ORIANNA*; 4th 714 MRS LR RICHARDS & MR P DAVID *GIGMA SHAKIRA*.

CLASS 112

Welsh Pony Foal: 1st 716 FIONA LEADBITTER *THORNBERRY SPECIAL ENVOY*

CLASS 113

Welsh Pony Stallion, 4 years old or over: no entries.

THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION OR RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS RULES AND THE THORNBERRY CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN THE SECTION B CLASS: Winner 707 P & J RUSSELL *BRYNGWENOL RUBY TUESDAY*; Res 712 JESSICA PRICE *THISTLEDOWN ARCTIC FOX*.

WELSH PONIES COB TYPE Section C

CLASS 114

Mare or gelding, 4 years old or over: 1st 717 MRS G KILLEY *WAUNDAFFYDD LITTLE GEM*;

CLASS 115

Foal: NO ENTRIES.

CLASS 116

Yearling: 1st 721 RACHEL ROYLE *BROHEDYDD THE BOSS*; 2nd 723 MRS C LANGSGFORD *PWLLMELIN CAITLIN*.

CLASS 117

Welsh Pony of Cob Type, 2 or 3 years old: NO ENTRIES.

CLASS 118

Stallion, 4 years old or over: NO ENTRIES.

LOUIS FISHER PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE CHAMPION OF SECTION; THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION OR RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS RULES AND CUP FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN THE SECTION C CLASSES: Winner/Champ 717 MRS G KILLEY *WAUNDAFFYDD LITTLE GEM*; Res 721 RACHEL ROYLE *BROHEDYDD THE BOSS*.

WELSH COBS Section D

CLASS 119

Welsh Cob Yearling: 1st 728 MR DM & MRS ED EVANS *GWYNFAES ELUNED DDEDWYDD*; 2nd 729 SAM BEACH *MAESCROFTA ROSALIE*.

CLASS 120

Welsh Cob, 2 or 3 years old: 1st 731 M D & C EVANS *GWYNFAES IARLLES Y FFYNNON*; 2nd 732 WAM LLOYD *COSETAN ROYAL CONSORT*.

CLASS 121

Welsh Cob, Mare or Gelding 4 years old or over: 1st 737 ROBERT MANCHIP *FFALD ANGIE*; 2nd 734 CHRIS BEST *CLWYDIGWYN RUBY*; 3rd 738 MR J WILLIAMSON *GLANTREATH EVITA*.

CLASS 122

Welsh Cob Foal: 1st 742 MR J WILLIAMSON *KILGOUR*; 2nd 741 AE WATERS / CRAIG MCCALLEN *ST THOMAS FOAL*.

CLASS 123

Welsh Cob Stallion, 4 years old or over: 1st 744 MR RHYS WALTERS *ALLTALIS IAGO*; 2nd 743 SAM BEACH *MAESCROFTA RONALDO*.

THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY MEDAL TO THE CHAMPION OR RESERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WPCS AND THE PARKHOUSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST ANIMAL IN SECTION D CLASSES: Champion 737 ROBERT MANCHIP *FFALD ANGIE*; Reserve 44 MR RHYS WALTERS *ALLTALIS IAGO*.

SUPREME CHAMPIONSHIP THE MRS HOMFRAY CHALLENGE CUP FOR BEST EXHIBIT IN SECTIONS A, B, C & D:

Winner 694 OWEN FAMILY *CRUMPWELL BLUE VIOLET*; Reserve 737 ROBERT MANCHIP *FFALD ANGIE*.

HUNT SCURRY: 1st Llangenor Pentyrch Hunt;

2nd Banwen Hunt; 3rd Ystrad Taf Feachan Hunt;

4th Three Counties Bloodhounds.

THE CALVERT HARRIES MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE INTER HUNT SCURRY:

Winner Llangenor Pentyrch Hunt.

WELSH MOUNTAIN

CLASS 30

Ram: 1st 451 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL *LLWYD FARM*; 2nd 202 SH & C WILLIAMS *PANTYCORNANT FARM, GLYNOGWR*; 3rd 203 SH & C WILLIAMS; 4th 466 ARTHUR DAVIES *MAES YR ONN FARM, MANMEOL*.

CLASS 31

Ram Lamb: 1st 467 ARTHUR DAVIES *MAES YR ONN FARM, MANMEOL*; 2nd 453 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL *LLWYD*; 3rd 454 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL *LLWYD*; 4th 207 SH & C WILLIAMS *PANTYCORNANT FARM*.

CLASS 32

One Ewe: 1st 468 ARTHUR DAVIES *MAES YR ONN FARM*; 2nd 212 SH & C WILLIAMS *PANTYCORNANT FARM*; 3rd 455 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL *LLWYD FARM*; 4th 456 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL *LLWYD*.

CLASS 33

One Ewe Lamb: 1st 457 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL *LLWYD FARM*; 2nd 458 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL *LLWYD*; 3rd 216 SH & C WILLIAMS *PANTYCORNANT FARM*; 4th 469 ARTHUR DAVIES *MAES YR ONN FARM*.

THE WESTERN MAIL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the BEST EXHIBIT in the WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP CLASSES:

Winner 452 E. WILLIAMS CASTELL *LLWYD FARM*; Res 468 ARTHUR DAVIES *MAES YR ONN FARM*.

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THE WONDERFUL VARIETY IS WHAT MAKES THE VALE SHOW SO SPECIAL

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THE Vale of Glamorgan Show, held annually at Fonmon, is one of the great days in the Welsh rural calendar.

It is different things to different people – a day of interest and entertainment, a chance to bump into old friends, an opportunity to view hundreds of classes, exhibits and stalls, but for many people, and particularly the children, the wonderful animals are what makes it so special.



THE VALE SHOW – SPECTACULAR AND ENTERTAINING IN EQUAL MEASURE

THE Vale Show is an excellent showcase for the very best in farming and rural life in south Wales.

But as you can see from Mike Wilcock's images it is also a day of entertainment and spectacle for all the family.

Keep an eye out next week for more photographs of the show.

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VALE SHOW RESULTS – VALE SHOW RESULTS –

BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP CLASS 34

Ram: 1st PALMER HAYWARD; 2nd 223 PJ BERTORELLI PENCOED FARM, CEFNCARFARN; 3rd 218 D & W CREW DUDGEMORE FARM, PURTON.

CLASS 35

Ram Lamb: 1st 228 EDWARD MORGAN PHOENIX WAY, HENGEOED; 2nd 226 MR & MRS HC WILLIAMS FAIRWATER WAY, CWMBRAN; 3rd PALMER HAYWARD.

CLASS 36

One Ewe: 1st 233 DELYTH MEREDITH GROUCOTT; 2nd 237 EDWARD MORGAN PHOENIX WAY; 3rd 236 D & W CREW DUDGEMORE FARM.

CLASS 37

One Ewe Lamb: 1st 249 EDWARD MORGAN PHOENIX WAY; 2nd 246 MR & MRS HC WILLIAMS FAIRWATER WAY, CWMBRAN; 3rd PALMER HAYWARD.

THE RICHARD EVANS-BEVAN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TANKARD FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN CLASSES – Winner 233 DELYTH MEREDITH GROUCOTT; Revs PALMER HAYWARD.

SUFFOLK CLASS 38

Ram: 1st 256 TR & J HARRIS REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON; 2nd 255 RHIAN LEWIS WIGFA FARM, CILYBEBYLL; 3rd 258 CHRISTOPHER CORNOCK RED HOUSE FARM, WENTLOOGE.

CLASS 39

Ram Lamb: 1st 261 RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM; 2nd 262 TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 3rd 264 CV THOMAS, PENCOED FARM.

CLASS 40

One Ewe: 1st 268 TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON; 2nd 267 RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM; 3rd 270 CV THOMAS, PENCOED FARM.

CLASS 41

One Ewe Lamb: 1st 272 TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM; 2nd 271 RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM; 3rd 274 CHRISTOPHER CORNOCK, RED HOUSE FARM.

THE EDWARDS GELDARD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE SUFFOLK SHEEP CLASSES – Winner/champ 261 RHIAN LEWIS WIGFA FARM, CILYBEBYLL; Res 272 R & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON.

TEXEL CLASS 42

Ram: 1st 277 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO, TALIAIRIS; 2nd 46 TC & RL ADAMS, TY MEDY FARM, LLANTRITHYD; 3rd 462 TC & RL ADAMS, TY MEDY FARM.

CLASS 43

Ram Lamb: 1st 281 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO, TALIAIRIS; 2nd 283 T CHURCHILL, GRAIG DDU FARM, DINAS; 3rd 282 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO.

CLASS 44

One Ewe: 1st 285 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO; 2nd 313 TONY WILLIAMS DOBBINS RD, BARRY; 3rd 464 TC & RL ADAMS, TY MEDY FARM.

CLASS 45

One Ewe Lamb: 1st 465 TC & RL ADAMS, TY MEDY FARM; 2nd 288 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO; 3rd 289 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO.

THE MARY HOMFRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the Best Exhibit in the Texel Sheep Classes – Winner 277 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO, TALIAIRIS; Res 285 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO.

RYELAND CLASS 46

Ram: 1st 293 RA AM LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE, OXWICH GREEN; 2nd 294 RA AM LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 3rd 295 MILLIE SHEPHERD, TREVITHYN HOUSE, BONVILSTON.

CLASS 47

Ram Lamb: 1st 296 RA, AM, LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd 297 RA, AM, LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE.

CLASS 48

One Ewe: 1st 300 RA AM LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd 299 RA AM LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE.

CLASS 49

One Ewe Lamb: 1st 301 RA, AM, LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE; 2nd 302 RA, AM, LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE.

THE TOM DAVIES MONKTON MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR THE WINNER OF THE RYLAND CHAMPIONSHIP: Winner/champ 300 RA, AM, LA HOWELL, GREENWAY COTTAGE, OXWICH GREEN; Res 293 RA, AM, LA HOWELL.

OPEN MIXED CONTINENTAL BREED, OTHER THAN TEXEL:
CLASS 50: Ram 1st 04 JOHN HARDING, INGST

HILL FARM, INGST; 2nd 471 COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM, ST DONATS.

CLASS 51: Ram Lamb: 1st 472 COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM, ST DONATS; 2nd 308 TL PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM, LLANTRISANT; 3rd 305 ALED GROUCOTT, SWFFRYD FARM, HAFODYRYNYS.

CLASS 52: One Ewe: 1st 311 ALED GROUCOTT; 2nd 317 JOHN HARDING; 3rd 314 TL PRICHARD, CASTELLAU FAWR FARM, LLANTRISANT.

CLASS 53: One Ewe Lamb: 1st 322 TL PRICHARD; 2nd 323 TL PRICHARD; 3rd 474 COLLWYN HYWEL REES, SOMERSET FARM, ST DONATS.

THE CHAPMAN AND FREARSON CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST CONTINENTAL BREED EXHIBIT

Winner 322 TL PRICHARD; Res 311 ALED GROUCOTT.

OPEN MIXED NATIVE BREED OTHER THAN WELSH MOUNTAIN, BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN, SUFFOLK & RYELAND:

CLASS 54: Ram: 1st 332 JANE BISSETT, WOODLANDS RD, BARRY; 2nd 333 MARY HUME, TY CRIBWR FARM, ABERKENFIG; 3rd 334 JAMES HEPBURN, FARMHOUSE WAY, CARDIFF.

CLASS 55: Ram Lamb: 1st 343 JAMES HEPBURN; 2nd 344 JAMES HEPBURN; 3rd 341 BLEDDYN BECK & SON.

CLASS 56: One Ewe: 1st 354 AMY JONES, HIGH HOUSE FARM, BRYNGWYN, RAGLAN; 2nd 355 AMY JONES, HIGH HOUSE FARM, BRYNGWYN, RAGLAN; 3rd 352 JAMES HEPBURN.

CLASS 57: One Ewe Lamb: 1st 357 TR & J HARRIS, REDLAND FARM, BONVILSTON; 2nd 360 JAMES HEPBURN; 3rd 341 BLEDDYN BECK & SON.

COLOURED SHEEP (ANY PURE BREED WITH COLOURED WOOL)

CLASS 58: Ram: 1st 363 ALED GROUCOTT; 2nd 364 D & W CREW, DUDGEMORE FARM, PURTON; 3rd 365 TOM NAYLOR, TY MAWR FARM, LLANGAN.

CLASS 59: Ram Lamb: 1st 364 D & W CREW; 2nd 370 ALED GROUCOTT; 3rd 373 JANE BISSETT.

CLASS 60: One Ewe: 1st 375 GARETH JENKINS, TY NEWYDD FARM, GROES FAEN; 2nd 376 ALED GROUCOTT; 3rd 377 D & W CREW.

CLASS 61: One Ewe Lamb: 1st 381 GARETH JENKINS; 2nd 376 ALED GROUCOTT; 3rd 382 D & W CREW.

CLASS 62: 1st 388 TL PRICHARD; 2nd 387 J & B BOOKER, CAE CADNO, TALIAIRI; 3rd 386 ALED GROUCOTT.

GROUP OF 3

CLASS 63: 1st 405 AMY JONES, HIGH HOUSE FARM, BRYNGWYN, RAGLAN.

The R S Thomas Perpetual Challenge Cup: Winner 405 AMY JONES; Res 389 TL PRICHARD.

ANY BREED

CLASS 64: 1st 391 JUSTIN EVANS, TY DRAW FARM, ST ANDREWS MAJOR; 2nd 469 ARTHUR DAVIES, MAES YR ONN FARM, MANMEOL; 3rd 389 TL PRICHARD.

CLASS 65: 1st 411 TOM NAYLOR; 2nd 410 TR & J HARRIS; 3rd 412 T CHURCHILL, GRAIG DDU FARM, DINAS.

COMMERCIAL SHEEP (ANY BREED)

CLASS 66: A pair of butcher's lambs (under 35 kilos) 1st 498 MARTIN JONES, CORNTOWN FARM; 2nd 419 TONY WILLIAMS, DOBBINS RD, BARRY.

CLASS 67: A pair of butcher's lambs (over 35 kilos): 1st 423 ALED GROUCOTT; 2nd 424 HOLLY JONES GROUCOTT; 3rd 427 IAN ROBERTS, MAES LLAN FARM, BLACKMILL. **THE MRS CAMERON-ROSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE COMMERCIAL SHEEP CLASSES**: Winner 423 ALED GROUCOTT; Res 424 HOLLY JONES GROUCOTT.

PET LAMB

CLASS 68: Pet Lamb Class - Handler 16 years old or under on or before day of show: 1st 436 FAITH BISSETT, WOODLANDS RD, BARRY; 2nd 432 TR & J HARRIS; 3rd 433 TOM NAYLOR; 4th 431 RHIAN LEWIS, WIGFA FARM, CILYBEBYLL.

THE MRS MARY WILLIAMS CUP FOR THE WINNER OF THE PET LAMB CLASS: Winner 436 FAITH BISSETT.

THE PINKSTONE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST EXHIBIT IN ANY OF THE SHEEP CLASSES: Winner/Supreme Champion 233 DELYTH MEREDITH GROUCOTT; Reserve 277 J & B BOOKER.

SHEEP SHEARING: FLEECE COMPETITION

CLASS 70: Fine & Medium, including Merinos, Suffolk, Ryeland, Charollais Downs, Halfbred, Texel and Lleyn: 1st 441 JANE BISSETT; 2nd 440 TR & J HARRIS.

CLASS 71: Cross & Lustre, including Mule, Greyface, Wensleydale, Lincoln and Devon: 1st 442 TR & J HARRIS.

CLASS 72: Hill & Mountain including Radnor, Beulah, Cheviot, Blackface and Welsh: NO ENTRIES.

CLASS 73: Natural Coloured of any pure bred or cross fleece: 1st 444 JANE BISSETT; 2nd 443 TR & J HARRIS.

SOMERSET FARM; 2nd 308 TL PRICHARD CASTELLAU FAWR FARM, LLANTRISANT. 3rd 305 ALED GROUCOTT SWFFRYD FARM, HAFODYRYNYS.



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‘Outstanding achievement’ at The Cathedral School

THE Cathedral School's first A-Level results place the school among the best independent schools in the UK, with 85 per cent of students achieving A*-B grades, securing places at the most competitive universities.

Sixty-four per cent of all grades were A*/A, with over half of the cohort achieving exclusively A*/A grades. Almost a third of the grades were the coveted A* with an overall pass rate of 100 per cent – outstanding results from the school's first cohort.

Top performers, scoring A* and A grades, included Lorna Price, who will read modern languages at Cambridge and is taking up a choral scholarship; Nicole Singh-Clark and Alex Brown who will study medicine at Edinburgh and Sheffield respectively and Waleed El-Geresy and Jake Maddocks who will read engineering at Imperial College London and



The school's first A-Level results are excellent!

Southampton respectively.

In addition to Russell Group success, the school has also secured international success, with Kou Motobayashi studying international studies at Sophia University in Tokyo.

With almost half of the cohort applying for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) courses, 84 per cent of all grades in maths and 100 per cent of those in further maths were A*/A.

Headmaster Stephen Morris said: "These fantastic results vindicate our decision to introduce sixth form teaching at the Cathedral School two years ago. We are

absolutely delighted that our students have done so well which is testament to their hard work and the excellent teaching at the school.

"Our bespoke sixth form, underpinned by a programme of specialist support, led by the head of sixth form, Mrs Catrin Ellis Owen has provided the very best advice, guidance and support for all of our students across the full range of subjects we offer. Nurturing bright and hardworking students within an ambitious environment is what our sixth form is all about.

"As the Cathedral School sixth form pioneers, this year group has certainly had the

spotlight on them throughout their time in year-12 and 13 and are so deserving of these fantastic results. We wish them every success as they take the next step on their educational journey."

The Cathedral School sixth form offers small class sizes, a strong emphasis upon preparation for top universities and a breadth of co-curricular opportunities, especially in music.

The school will host an Open Morning on Saturday, October 3 for nursery to sixth form, followed by a sixth form Options Evening on Thursday, November 5.

Porthcawl Museum marks VJ day with an exhibition and community singalong

MEMBERS of Porthcawl Museum hosted a celebration day last Friday (August 14) to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of World War 2 in Japan.

There was a VJ Day exhibition at the museum in John Street, while in the Y Centre, just across the road, there was a coffee morning.

The event continued with community singing of all the wartime favourite songs.

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The veterans' therapists keep marathon charity cyclists fed and watered!



Col Hugh Bodington, veterans lead therapist Victoria Williams, veterans therapist Margaret Gibbons, secretary Jacqui Pugh, and Oxana Jones, veterans therapist.

ABMU veterans' therapists have done their bit to keep a group of charity cyclists refreshed as they tackled a mammoth bike ride across Wales.

The team prepared and hosted a special lunch at

the ARC Centre in Bridgend for members of the Welsh Veterans Partnership, who cycled 785 miles from Cardiff to Llandudno and back, to raise awareness of the needs of ex-servicemen and women in Wales.

Veterans' lead therapist Victoria Williams said: "It was a real pleasure to have them with us and we were able to give the riders and other guests a short presentation to highlight what we are doing."

The service in ABMU consists of Victoria, veterans' therapists Margaret Gibbons and Oxana Jones and

personnel, the NHS, charities, local authorities, businesses and philanthropists working to improve all-round care for veterans in Wales.

The cyclists, who included the Partnership's chair Colonel Hugh Bodington, headed from Bridgend to Swansea to complete the first of their 17 days in the saddle. Their route went on to take them around Wales including Llanelli, Tenby, Cardigan, Pwllheli, Bangor, Welshpool, Brecon and Pontypridd.

To find out more about Veterans' NHS Wales visit its website www.veteranswales.co.uk where you'll be able to find more details including a referral form.

MP welcomes opening of Ewenny Bridge



THE new Ewenny Bridge has opened, to the delight of Vale MP, Alun Cairns.

The road, a key artery in the western Vale, had originally been due to remain closed until October, but Mr Cairns revealed that he had worked with Network Rail to reduce the project time to a four-month closure rather than six.

He said: "I am pleased that the residents and traders in St Brides Major and the

surrounding towns and villages can now benefit from improved traffic flow.

"I worked hard to shave two months off the project timings, and will continue to support the traders.

"We visited the bridge while the tarmac was still warm, and on Friday evening my team visited local residents and traders to inform them that the bridge had reopened," he added.

Great Dane charity event

THE Great Dane Club of Wales and Bark Avenue professional dog groomers are holding a charity dog event on August 30, in aid of Great Dane Care.

It takes place at Glamor, Southerndown, Bridgend (CF32 0RN).

A companion dog show held under KC

Regulations, entries will be £1 per class with prize cards and rosettes from first to fifth place.

"The event opens at 12 noon, with judging starting at 12.30pm, and we are delighted to offer a bag of Happy Dog to each class winner!" a spokeswoman said.

The judges will be Jagger and Woody of heart Breakfast.

Pedigree classes, please note; dogs that have won CCs, Reserve

CCs, Junior Warrants or any award that counts towards the title of champion, are ineligible for entry.

Novelty classes and a fun agility course, too; raffle, bouncy castle and photo booth on the day, with a licensed bar, barbecue and cake stall.

For more information, contact Sarah Richardson on 07980 375588 or email sarah@barkavenue.co.uk.

Cancer Research UK charity ride

ON September 6, the Porthcawl Cancer Research UK committee will be holding its annual family bike ride, supported by Porthcawl Rugby Club.

"So please get on your bikes and help us raise much-needed funds for cancer research," a spokeswoman urged.

Sponsorship forms and route description forms are available from: Diane Jones 01656 784762; Winn Roberts 01656 782880; and Sue Sharp 01656 773670.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00732/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Erection of double garage (amendments to roof shape of planning permission 2015/0068/FUL)
8, Cardiff Road, Cowbridge

Location:/Lleoliad:
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth: Cowbridge

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00889/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: New conservatory and new garage
Location:/Lleoliad: Cliff Farm, lane - Aberogwrn Farm to Kenson Hill, Llanccarfan

Listed Building/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00942/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: New sign
Location:/Lleoliad: Tudor Tavern, Church Street, Llantwit Major

Listed Building/
Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00843/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Hybrid application proposing development of Sully Sports and Social Club, including demolition of existing clubhouse and buildings and construction of new clubhouse, three, grassed pitches, one, all-weather pitch, floodlights, new bowling green, local retail building, touring caravan site and building, car parking and associated engineering, access and landscaping works (full detail) and proposals for construction of up to 200 dwellings, with associated parking, engineering, access, play space and landscaping works (outline detail)

Location:/Lleoliad: Sully Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00852/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Installation of small scale c. 3MW ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays with inverter houses; switchgear cabin, internal access track, landscaping; fencing; security measures; access gate and ancillary infrastructure

Location:/Lleoliad: Home Farm, land west of Drope Road, St. Georges Super Ely

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00859/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm including site access, internal service roads, perimeter fencing, inverter and transformer stations, below ground cabling, CCTV, Substations, internal access road and landscaping/biodiversity enhancements

Location:/Lleoliad: Cornstown Farm, Cornstown

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00874/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of twelve one, two and three bedroom affordable semi-detached and terraced houses and parking

Location:/Lleoliad: Former Peterston Rail Station Site, Station Terrace, Peterston Super Ely

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2015/00877/RG3
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolition of two storey buildings and new build of three storage units

Location:/Lleoliad: Court Road Depot, Barry Road, Barry

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

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Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyrto o'r Cynllun Datblygu

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Application(s) with Environmental Statement/ Cais (au) gyda Datganiad Amgylcheddol

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8

Proposed development at Home Farm, land west of Drope Road, St. Georges Super Ely.

I give notice that Cenin Renewables Limited, is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Installation of small scale c. 3MW ground mounted photovoltaic solar arrays with inverter houses; switchgear cabin, internal access track, landscaping; fencing; security measures; access gate and ancillary infrastructure.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain a paper copies of the environmental statement at a charge of £250.00. Non-Technical Summary is free of charge or a digital copy of the above documents on a CD for £25.00 from Pegasus Group Limited, First Floor, Equinox North, Great Park Road, Almondsbury, Bristol. BS32 4QL so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 10 September, 2015.

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Hospital's 'honeymoon suite' for local couple



Julia and Trevor Lewis.

AN elderly couple received the 'honeymoon' treatment when they were admitted to University Hospital Llandough (UHL) recently.

Julia and Trevor Lewis from Cardiff spent six weeks together, after Julia became unwell and needed a blood transfusion.

At first, she refused to go in as she was concerned about leaving her husband at home without her. Hospital staff solved the problem when they made arrangements for the couple to be moved to the 'honeymoon suite', where they could rest and recuperate together.

The couple and their Age Connect volunteer, Anne O'Regan, have praised the "excellent care and support" they have received from staff on East 8 ward.

Anne, who has known Julia and Trevor for six months, said she had become concerned about Julia: "I was going on holiday and Julia was due to have a procedure done, but she was worried about Trevor being on his own. I arranged for other volunteers to visit Trevor while I was away."

"When I came back, I visited them both and was increasingly concerned about Julia as she had become very unwell. Her GP said that Julia was anaemic and required a blood transfusion."

"She was still anxious about leaving Trevor and, unfortunately, refused hospital admission."

Julia eventually agreed to be admitted, but her anxiety was still there: "I took Julia into Llandough Hospital and explained the situation. Trevor experiences a number of health problems himself, with difficulty walking due to pain in his knees and dementia."

The hospital decided to admit Trevor as a social admission so he would still receive a level of care while Julia was being treated.

Eventually, Julia was transferred to East 8 ward, so they could monitor her condition.

Staff on the ward realised that Julia wasn't improving as well as they had hoped, due to her anxiety over Trevor,

so arrangements were made to bring Trevor to East 8 ward every day so they could have meals together.

The ward manager noticed that their anxiety increased when they were apart, so they were moved to the 'honeymoon suite', a private room with two beds, where they could recuperate.

Anne continued: "To see them together and to see the efforts the staff have made to reassure them has been exceptional. The honeymoon suite is absolutely wonderful to keep them together."

"What the hospital is also doing is promoting their independence, and is planning now for their discharge and return home."

"We had a home visit last week and they are putting things in place like meals and daily help for Trevor, but we have to make sure that Julia doesn't refuse any help this time because Julia is 'Mrs Independent'."

Julia praised the care she received at UHL, saying: "Staff have been absolutely brilliant. They are like family now and it's like being in a lovely home with a big family."

"That's how I feel, like I'm with all my brothers and sisters."

"Everyone has been so kind and caring and we have been very fortunate and privileged that we have been brought here. I will miss the people when I go home. The ones that are looking after us are brilliant."

Trevor added: "To be here with Julia is wonderful because I can see what they are doing for her and I am here to be close to her in case she needs me, and I also need care myself."

"I have trouble walking. I had an operation last year and I've got trouble with both my knees but I'm not complaining."

"The hospital is good. I'd like to book a holiday here. It is lovely and the staff are wonderful."

Julia added: "The hospital won't let us go home until we are ready to be at home. And they are making sure we have our care package in place to help us at home."

"I am also happy that Trevor is getting the medication he needs, which will help us both going forward."

YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE COMMUNITY NEWS

Mining Disaster

I WONDER how many readers of this column were aware that one of the largest mining disasters in the south Wales coalfields occurred at the Parc Slip coal drift mine, Aberkenfig near Tondy.

This mine began production in 1864 and at the time of the disaster it was owned by North's Navigation Company.

In the early 1890s a workforce of men and boys numbering less than 200 was producing 300 tons of coal a day from two faces.

On August 26, 1892 there were 146 men and boys in the mine, when at 8.20am there was a massive explosion.

There were two survivors in a pumping station 60 metres inside the mine, who heard the explosion, threw themselves on the ground and the flames passed over them. At first, it

was believed that they were the only survivors.

At six o'clock the following morning when fresh air was circulating, rescuers began a search for survivors. They were about to give up when four survivors appeared out of the darkness, they directed the rescuers further into the mine where others were found alive.

By four o'clock in the afternoon they had brought out a total of 43 miners alive, the final death toll was 112 men and boys.

Thirty-nine miners survived the disaster, 14 of them being led out by 62-year-old William Richards, nicknamed 'Y Dderwen' (The Oak) who received the Victoria medal for his judgement and courage. He died in 1898 and is buried in Coity churchyard.

One family, the Lyddons, had eight members working in the mine on that fateful day, of whom only two survived.

Among the dead were a number of boys, who nowadays who would still be at school: one

aged 13, two aged 14 and six aged 15. The mine closed in 1904.

On the site there is now a monument consisting of 112 stones to represent each of the miners.

On Wednesday, August 26 there will be a memorial service at 8.15am at the monument, to which everyone is invited.

The monument is situated in Parc Slip nature reserve and a field on the side of the track leading to the monument was ploughed over and sown with wild flower seeds.

Tondy Show NEXT Saturday, August 29 the Tondy Horticultural Society will be holding its annual show in the Tondy Railway Club.

The society is one of the oldest in Wales, and always welcomes new members. The public are invited to see these exhibits for themselves.

Laleston WI MEMBERS of Laleston WI held a successful summer tea, in celebration of the WI

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

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I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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centenary, on August 6 in Blandy Hall with a wonderful spread supplied by members and a celebration cake made by Diane Marshall. The entertainment was supplied by the Golden Oldies with a great mix of songs and laughter. The guests, WI advisors Judith Lucas and Ann Davies, were impressed with the newly restored WI Millennium sundial which looks as good as new and is once more a focal point on the green in front of St David's Church.

The next meeting on September 3 at 7.15pm in Blandy Hall (Laleston Gardening Club) will be a harvest auction, with

Maureen Morgan in charge. Call Margaret on 660384 for further information.

Choir concert BRIDGEND Male Choir will be performing in a concert alongside a party of musicians from Auckland, New Zealand in the Opera House, Craig -Y-Nos Castle at a private engagement tomorrow (Friday, August 21).

On August 28 it will be leading the hymn singing at the wedding ceremony for Rhodri Thomas and Carrie Knight at St Catherine's Church, Pontcanna, Cardiff.

On September 24 it is

performing in a fundraising concert for the charity Shine, Cymru. It will be a rugby world cup-themed concert with a question and answer session, the compere is Phil Steel and panellists Gareth Charles and Adrian Hadley. The event will take place at St Peter's Hall, St Peter's Street, Cardiff.

Noteworthy ST MICHAEL'S Church, Maesteg will be the setting for up and coming mixed voice choir.

Noteworthy under musical director Ryan Wood in a concert at 7.15pm on September 4.

The compere will be BBC presenter Beverly

Humphreys, and there is a guest soloist, internationally renowned baritone Gary Griffiths. Tickets £5, obtainable on 01656 737923.

St David's Church, Maesteg will hold an interdenominational service, 'Valley Praise' at the church on August 26 at 7pm.

Gardening

show CEFN Cribwr Garden Club is holding its annual show in Cefn Cribwr Community Centre (Green Hall) on Saturday, August 22.

Please bring your produce to the hall by 9.30am. The classes are tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, cucumbers, onions, courgettes, peppers, lettuce, beetroot, chillies, runner beans, a salad box, rhubarb, peas, apples, plums, a vase of cut flowers, a pot of jam, cabbage, a pot of chutney, a posy of herbs, longest runner bean, a box of five vegetables, the funniest shape fruit or vegetable and lastly an open class for anything you may want to bring

that is not listed above. There is no charge for members but non-members will pay £2 which will entitle them to enter as many classes as they wish.

The club is having a barbecue at Cefn Sport on August 22 at 6.30pm; all welcome.

St Theodore's Church

MEMBERS of St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill are arranging a flower festival from September 25 - 27, based around the theme of West End and Broadway musicals.

The weekend will also offer a feast of music, with young people giving piano recitals each day. There will be a gala concert with the highly acclaimed Kenfig Hill and District Male Voice Choir and Crescendo Youth Choir, and a 'Singalong Sound of Music' evening.

The weekend closes with Songs of Praise at 6pm on September 27.

Call 01656 741354 or 01656 665547 for full details of the weekend.

Finalists' short list for business forum awards announced



Chair of Bridgend Business Forum, Alison Hoy, Principal at Bridgend College, Simon Pirotte and TV presenter Sian Lloyd at the awards launch.

ORGANISATIONS across Bridgend county borough have now discovered whether they have made the shortlist for the Bridgend Business Forum Awards 2015.

The nine awards cover a cross-section of industry sectors including creative industries, manufacturing, tourism, start-up businesses and entrepreneurs, with the Bridgend Business of the Year 2015 being chosen from amongst the winners of each category.

The awards, which are supported by Bridgend College and Bridgend County Borough Council, will culminate in a glittering black-tie ceremony and gala dinner at the Coed-y-Mwstwr Hotel, Coychurch, Bridgend on Friday, September 18, hosted by BBC's presenter Sian Lloyd and special guest, Bridgend AM, Carwyn Jones, First Minister.

The finalists are: Business Student of the Year: Geraint Robson and Caitlyn Corless (Ddraig Valley Farm Park) - nominated by Bridgend

College.

Start-up Business of the Year: Capitol Training Ltd; Mobile Stars; LouChi's Tearoom.

Service Business of the Year: Avia Sports Cars Ltd; ITCS Ltd; Datakom Ltd.

Manufacturing Business of the Year: Nemein Ltd; Customised Sheet Metal Ltd; CPS Sewing Ltd.

Entrepreneur of the Year: Lisa Carter (Little Stars Daycare and Mobile Stars and All Stars); Brian Stokes (ITCS LTD); Suzannah Bourne (Nemein Ltd).

Social Enterprise of the Year: Halo Leisure Ltd; Emmaus (South Wales); Ty Elis (Porthcawl Counselling Service).

Bridgend Tourism Business of the Year: Porthcawl Surf School; Best Western Heronston Hotel and Spa; Ambassador Training Wales.

Creative Industries Award: Wales Interactive Ltd; One Nine Design Ltd; Customised Sheet Metal Ltd.

Innovative Business of the Year: New Vehicle Solutions Ltd; Nemein Ltd; Daydream Education Ltd.

ANNUAL CHOIR CONCERT RAISES £2,700 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES



Kevin Davies, Tracy Bentley from Bridgend Young Carers, Doug McCarthy, Marged Griffiths from Y Bont, Alun Clemett and David Shaw.

A PRESENTATION evening was held recently at the Six Bells in Coity following June's annual Choirs in the Castle concert.

The event organisers were delighted to donate £2,000 to Y Bont and £700 to Bridgend Young Carers.

Before presenting the cheques, Kevin Davies recapped how successful this year's event had been, despite a grey June day. Around 300 people came to enjoy this popular concert featuring seven choirs and a young soloist performing in the grounds of Coity castle.

Local councillor and Choirs in the Castle supporter, Ella Dodd presented the donations.

Tracy Bentley, representing the Young Carer's Project said: "Many thanks to everyone who has continued to support our Young Carers' Project - our young carers and their families so appreciate everyone's generosity, which enables us to provide much needed

respite opportunities for our young carers in Bridgend county.

"We are thrilled that the Choirs in the Castle have chosen to support Y Bont again this year. Since 2011 we have been fortunate to receive almost £6,000 from money raised by the choirs in the Castle, which has been used to provide essential support and activities for local disabled children. A big 'thank you' to the committee members for their hard-work and commitment over the years in organising this fantastic event, which has become a real community occasion.

"We would also like to thank everyone else who has helped make it such a success, including the wonderful choirs who give their time freely, local businesses that sponsor the event, the Six Bells pub for their warm welcome - and everyone who attended the event and gave generously on the evening".

MARGED GRIFFITHS, Y BONT



Local councillor Ella Dodd presents a cheque to Tracy Bentley, Project Team Leader at Action for Children Young Carers' Project.



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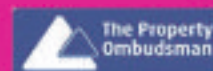
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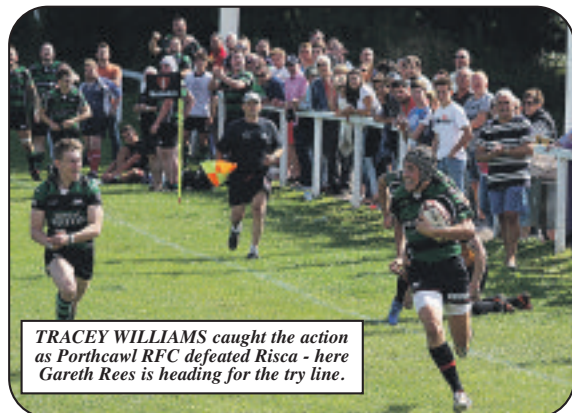


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Friendly win proves boost for Porthcawl RFC



TRACEY WILLIAMS caught the action as Porthcawl RFC defeated Risca - here Gareth Rees is heading for the try line.



James Burge-Jones bursts through two Risca defenders.

WITH the new league season just three weeks away, Porthcawl got off to a great start with a 40-22 win against crack Division One East outfit RISCA at South Road.

The sheer bulk of the much bigger Risca pack was always going to be a big test for the home side, yet they took to the task with relish, dominating the visiting eight for the most part and playing some brilliant football behind, resulting in a try count of six tries to three.

Centre Steve Phillips returned in some style following a season out, getting himself on the scoresheet with a try as the ball went loose at the corner flag, outside half Josh White's superb touchline conversion proving just the tonic at 7-0.

Risca are a typical hard and uncompromising Gwent side and it came as no surprise when their hard work paid off as they retaliated with an unconverted try for 7-5 before snatching the lead with a converted try to lead 12-12.

The Seaweeds got just the fillip they needed before halftime, with their commitment to running rugby paying off as hooker Jack Williams, outstanding throughout the match, went over for a try from close range, with White again converting, and at 14-12 at the break, the home side deserved to be ahead.

Porthcawl's pack, led

by new skipper Richard Hnyda, was a real thorn in the visitors' side as they gave nothing away, with the incredible work-rate of Dave Palmer something to behold, the rest of the home eight also putting in a great shift.

Scrum half Connor Rees continues to take on all-comers with aplomb and keep his line moving, even when possession was a little messy, providing a great platform for those outside him to exploit the opportunities.

One such chance came following some great approach play, when mercurial centre Gareth Rees outpaced the covering defence along the left touchline with a vintage outside swerve, to score a magnificent try, rounding behind the posts and White's simple conversion making it 21-12.

Porthcawl's defence, especially in midfield was heroic at times, and when the ball went loose some 45 metres out, there was Jac Williams scooping up and racing through to the posts as the visitors' defence tried in vain to catch him from behind. White's extra

points left Risca adrift at 28-12 going into the final 10 minutes.

They did respond with a corner try when numbers were greater than the Seaweeds' defence at 28-17, before new recruit from England, young wing Callum Walters, turned on the gas to show his lightning pace and cross for another fine try, improved by White, for 35-17.

This was followed moments later as fabulous handling by forwards and backs combined, put full back Joey Jones in for a corner try and, at 40-17, put the match beyond doubt for Porthcawl.

With just seconds remaining in injury time, Risca got a consolation try at the corner but at 40-22, it was the Seaweeds' day and a fine start to please the home crowd and coaches.

A further Gwent test awaits Porthcawl on Saturday, as Abertillery pay a visit to South Road for another friendly and another performance like that against Risca will hold Porthcawl in good stead for what is sure to be a hard match. PF



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Pencoed CC fall short...



PENCOED welcomed fellow strugglers Pontypridd in a league game on Saturday with both teams only able to muster 10 players.

Pencoed lost the toss and bowled first with captain James Smith making inroads with two quick LBW decisions.

Ponty slowly got back into the game helped by some poor fielding, the Ponty opener being dropped five times.

Pencoed were left to rue the missed chances as some big hitting in the last few overs meant the visitors managed to total 147-8.

Smith was the pick of the Pencoed bowlers with four wickets. In response Pencoed got off to a slow start and despite losing opener Thasan early they reached drinks with only one wicket down.

However, the run rate was now over six an over and just after the drinks break Pencoed lost opener Jack Frewen for a well made 30.

Pencoed then started to lose regular wickets with only Layton Williams offering any resistance.

Pencoed ended up falling well short at 79 all out with debutant James Exall not out at the end. MM

Bridgend Bridge Club – latest news

THE results for recent events are:

Wednesday, August 12 - 1st John Beard and Liam Sheridan, 2nd Rob Forman and Alan Heath, 3rd Bill Turner and Linda Jenkins, & Geoff Barnes and Peter Buggen. Winners on handicap David Bowen and David Crompton.

Thursday, August 13 - 1st Colin Lewis and Stuart Davies, & Dilys Bowser and V Irene Williams, & Mike Williams and John Henson, 2nd Arthur Harvey and Glyn Williams, 3rd Linda Jenkins and Teresa Griffiths. Winners on handicap Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas.

Friday, August 14 - 1st Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan, 2nd Eleanor Jones and Glyn Williams, 3rd Vida Halford and John Hillman. Winners on

handicap Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their Bridge.

New lessons for beginners will recommence in September - further information can be obtained by calling Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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Sports under-10s get to grips with new laws

A new rugby season is about to start with a new set of laws for Bridgend Sports under-10s to adapt to and gain new skills, as they take another step on their learning and development pathway.

This year the squad has to develop skills in areas such as the ruck and the two player tackle. They were provided with an opportunity for early exposure to the new laws in a match environment, when they travelled to Cambrian Welfare in the Rhonda for a tournament last Sunday.

The tournament was very well organised with 10 teams, split into two pools of five, with the winners of each pool progressing into a final.

The Sports were in a pool with Rhydfelin, Tonypre, the host club Cambrian Welfare and St. Albans. In their first game against Rhydfelin, they suffered an early setback as Rhydfelin scored an early try to lead, which they held for a long period of the game.

While the Sports had an abundance of pace in their side, Rhydfelin in contrast, were highly skilful in the ruck area and used this to stifle the Sports attacks. The Sports clawed their way back into the game and looked to have secured a draw late on, as Cian John intercepted a pass and used his pace to race away to score, but a lapse of concentration at the restart allowed Rhydfelin to hit back immediately for them to win the game 2-1.

In their second game, Sports faced St Albans. They proved to be too strong for their opponents from Wales' capital city as they ran in 11 tries without response. Tries were scored by Cian John, Iestyn John, Joel Rogers with a hat trick, Mackenzie Dent, Tom Chick (2), Tyrone Davies and Harry Williams (2), with Cadan Hayes supporting with a break or two in midfield. The Blue and Whites were now much sharper as any rustiness had been knocked off in their first game.

The host team were up next and the Sports were able to maintain a

level of superiority by running in a further 11 tries through Cian John (2), Joel Rogers (5), Mackenzie Dent, Tom Chick and Harry Williams (2).

The Sports also raised their tackling game with Cian John, Iestyn John, Ieuan Pilliner, Joel Rogers, Mason Palmer, Tom Chick, Tyrone Davies and Harry Williams all contributing to thwart a sterling Cambrian effort.

In the final game of their pool the Sports faced their old foes Tonypre. Last season the two sides were very closely matched as only the odd point separated the sides in the three games they played each other. The game was therefore a useful benchmark to measure both teams' progress.

It proved to be a high quality game, enjoyed by both sets of supporters. Bridgend Sports secured the upper hand by producing some excellent rugby as they began to control the breakdown area to win possession and cut loose with some wonderful running and passing.

They scored five tries without response through Cian John (2), Joel Rogers, Tyrone Davies and Harry Williams. Cian John, Iestyn John, Ieuan Pilliner, Joel Rogers, Tyrone Davies and Harry Williams put in strong tackles to ensure the Sports kept a clean sheet for the third game in a row.

In their four games, Bridgend Sports under-10s had scored 28 tries, the highest in their group; they only conceded two tries in that opening game against Rhydfelin. Those two tries conceded and the loss of the first game by a single try proved crucial.

Rhydfelin, with 17 tries, progressed through to the final, courtesy of that single try win where they put in a fine team performance to beat Kenfig Hill by two tries to nil and run out tournament winners.

It was a great start to the season for Bridgend Sports under-10s - the squad trains at 6pm every Wednesday at the Bandstand Field, Bridgend. New players are always very welcome to join us at any training session.

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UNDER-13 BULLS WIN WRL FINAL



Bridgend Blue Bulls under-13s were the winners of the WRL final.

IN a real game of two halves, Bridgend Blue Bulls clinched the WRL under-13 final with a try in the last five minutes from Lloyd Truman after the Wolves had come back from being 16-0 down at halftime to win 20-16.

Bridgend dominated the first period with a Mason Hughes try converted by Sam Owen giving them a 6-0 lead.

Ben Owen followed him over with Sam again converting before Sam scored one of his own but failing to

land the extras on this occasion.

The Senghennydd-based Wolves fought back after the interval. Kyle Huish was first on the scoresheet, his try converted by Joshua Ponchaud, and a Will Holmes try made it 16-10 before Shaun Webber scored and Ponchaud goaled to level things up.

But there had to be a winner and following Truman's heroics, Bridgend defended well to prevent the Wolves from clinching it themselves.

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of Robert.

Charmaine will be greatly missed by all her family
and many friends.

Resting at The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road
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Family Notices

SUCKLING Barbara (Babs)

Peacefully at home with her devoted husband
Goff on 15 August 2015. Beloved mother of
Karen and Debbie and much loved grandmother
to Georgie, Joe, James, Zoe, Ally and Grace.
Many thanks to all the carers for their wonderful
help and support.

Funeral service at the Church of St John the Baptist,
Llanblethian on Tuesday, 25 August at 12.15pm,
followed by a cremation at Coychurch Crematorium
at 1.15pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired
to be made to the Parkinson's Disease Society.

ROWDEN Helen

Peacefully at Milsom House Nursing Home on
August 12, Helen aged 54 years. Much loved
sister of Margaret, John and Philip, beloved
daughter of the late Phil and Iris Rowden.
Helen will be sadly missed by all her family
and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral
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late Patrick, dearly loved mother of Amanda,
daughter of Bob and the late Rosemary George,
sister of Steven and sister-in-law of Hazel.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James &
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10.15am at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major,
followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium,
Bridgend, at 11.30am.

No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired,
to Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre, Penarth c/o J
James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhosce, Vale of
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HITCHINGS

Ronald Arthur (Ron)

Peacefully on August 17 at the
Princess of Wales Hospital, aged 87.

Loving husband of Val, loving dad to Claire and the
late Elaine. Father-in-law to Stuart, grandfather to
Nathan and Joshua.

Funeral service on Friday, August 28 at 12 noon at
Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only.

STILLMAN

Barbara Muriel

On August 14 after a short illness, Babs aged 79
years of Morgan Street, Barry, passed away
peacefully at Barry Hospital. Daughter of the late
Phyllis and Albert Stillman. Loving sister to
Annette, Gordon, Philip, Grace and the late
Brian, Allan and Tommy. Respected sister-in-law
of Irene and Catherine. Close friend of Allison
and Claire. Now at peace with her soul mate and
companion Bob.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home,
Gladstone Road, Barry, where flowers may be sent
until the funeral service at St Marys Church, Holton
Road, Barry on Monday August 24 at 10am.
Afterwards, cremation at Barry Crematorium at 11am.
Babs will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

BARRATT

Gilbert Charles "Gil"

Passed away after a long illness at The
University Hospital of Wales on August 11.
Much loved husband of Josie. Loving uncle to
Keith and Carol. Dear brother-in-law to Dave
and Christine.

Resting at D. Caesar Jones Funeral Home,
55 Pantbach Road, Rhiwbina until the service at
St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Cathays on
Monday, August 24 at 2.30pm, followed by
cremation at Thornhill Crematorium, Wenvall
Chapel at 3.30pm.

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Boxing club raises money for Air Ambulance



L L A N T W I T
MAJOR boxing club handed over a cheque totalling £2,858 to Wales Air Ambulance recently.

This was the money raised from the club's recent open air sparring session, where a number of local newcomers to the sport took up the challenge, throwing themselves into an intense eight week training program and putting on the gloves all in the name of raising money for a fantastic cause.

The club would like to thank all the boxers involved and more importantly everyone who donated, including all of the sponsors.

We were told from the Air Ambulance

representatives that the money would help fund three life saving missions.

Llantwit Major boxing club reopens on

Wednesday, September 2, with the junior sessions (from eight years on) 4.30pm-5.30pm, and seniors 5.30pm-7pm

For enquiries please call Tony on 01446 796784 or find us on Facebook at 'Llantwit Major boxing club'.

KJ

Llantwit lose away to Cowbridge

L L A N T W I T
MAJOR Bowls Club ladies, after an enjoyable club competition, travelled to Cowbridge for the last league match of the season.

The weather was kind, while Cowbridge ladies were not. All games were close; Cowbridge managed a win on all rinks, claiming the full 10 points.

Enjoying a delicious tea afterwards, the secretaries did their sums and Cowbridge are the winners of the league. Well done, Cowbridge.

Scores: N Baelz, M Horgan, E Nichols, C Willmot, 11-19; K Johnes, P Pike, M Davies, J Molloy, 13-15; E Hardie, P Brown, H Nixon, E Gray, 14-15. Well played Llantwit ladies, and thank you Cowbridge for a lovely afternoon.

Carol Willmot

On and off the turf with BRIAN LEE

MRS Pamela Thomas, of Rhose, has phoned me to say she was delighted to read my piece on Barry-born John Cook who won the 1971 Grand National on Specify.

John Cook was her cousin and she said that the article brought back many happy memories of John and his mother and father Lily and Albert Cook who used to look after the apprentice jockeys at Kingsclere stables when it was run by Evan Williams and later Peter Hastings-Bass.

Mrs Thomas, nee Cook, said: "We

had one of Specify's racing plates on the garden gate for years but unfortunately it has vanished." She recalled visiting John and her aunt and uncle at Kingsclere and the happy times they had together.

TIM'S 8-1 WINNER

Honey Pound was a 9-1 winner of the Living Coasts Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle at Newton Abbot last week.

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Chess club take on junior players

THE Barry chess club were invited to play against a number of junior players at the Amelia Trust Farm.

The youngsters, all aged between 9 and 12, were involved in a five day residential course with three hours chess training in the morning, an educational trip in the afternoon followed by one to one coaching in the evening.

This is perhaps the only chess course of its kind in the UK although there are many such camps in eastern Europe. The week finished with a competitive game against the Barry Chess Club.

We were requested not to hold back as the keen juniors really wanted to test some of their newly learnt skills.

We turned up with 10 players. The first match was a short game with 10 minutes on each clock. The juniors were perhaps the least experienced residential camp members.

For most of them it was their first really competitive match, the first time they have needed to record their moves or use a chess clock.

There were many mistakes along the way but all the players enjoyed the experience.

The older Barry players ended up not only winning all 10 matches but in a couple of cases winning with the same bishop and queen mating attack, so perhaps that will be a learning point for the juniors.

Then we played a longer match with each player having an hour on their clocks. The junior team brought on eight more experienced players and were also helped on by the addition of a further two bigger kids in Tim Kett and Russell Doddington.

Now the games were more difficult. In almost every game the juniors were quicker than their more mature opponents.

The Barry players' faces displayed signs of concentration, consternation and furrowed brows. As the youngsters' games developed our players could be seen with hands on heads or was that heads in hands. On every board the match was close.

The lower boards finished first. There were wins for David Jones and Ken Curry. Further wins came for John Stephenson against Anna Boyle from Chepstow, who recently became the British under-9 girls champion, and Dave Mahoney were countered by the residents with

wins for Russell and Tim. The match became closer when young Georgia Headlong from Wiltshire took victory over Stephen Bonotto.

With three games to go and time running out the match could still go either way. Martin Ricketts had what looked like a drawn position against the only local lad, Merlin Davies from Cowbridge.

With only a few minutes left to play time pressure finally told and, rushing, Merlin moved a pawn rather than his king. This gave a winning advantage to Martin, so the match score was 5-3 with two games left.

Susanna Fraser from the North Cardiff Club had a much better position than bridge playing veteran Ken Hannah. Somewhat surprisingly she offered to resign as she could not find the win her play deserved and only had two minutes left on her clock.

Ken, in sporting mood with only four minutes left on his clock, asked Susanna if she really meant to offer a draw rather than resign. She immediately accepted the sporting offer.

There was still one game to go. Georgia's brother Ben was playing Sam Jukes. Ben had the

better of the game, offering many threats, but again struggled with time running out.

Sam is very good when time is short. Moves were being made instantaneously until Ben's clock ran out. Sam only had 17 seconds left as well.

The match finished Barry winning by 6.5 to 3.5 but a very good time was had by one and all. The children were well behaved all night and are looking forward to this becoming an annual match.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at: barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES



The 'Ninja Kids' pictured with their certificates.

'NINJA KIDS' CELEBRATE SUMMER GRADUATION

THE 'Ninja Kids' at JSTKD Martial Arts & Fitness were in fine form recently as they took part in their summer graduation.

The mini martial artists are 3-5 years old and follow JSTKD's specially tailored Ninja Kids programme which is validated by the TAGB (Tae Kwon Do Association of GB).

As well as learning all the basics of Tae Kwon Do, the children also enjoy a range of fitness and co-ordination exercises in a structured and encouraging

environment.

Additional messages such as being aware of stranger danger and learning how to work as a team are also part of the programme which has its own colour belt categories in preparation for joining the older children once they reach around six years old.

Proud family and friends cheered on the youngsters as they showed off their moves and answered questions about what they've been learning.

There were pupils from JSTKD's schools in Barry, Dinas Powys, Sully, Rhooose and Llantwit Major. The full range of

skill levels were on display with many new students earning their first colour belts, many moving up the gradings and one student successfully completing all the required belts to move into the main junior class.

From here, a significant number of ex-Ninjas go on to become Black Belts and then progress onwards to assist both junior learners and adult beginners.

If you have a budding Ninja in your family, please visit www.jstkdk.co.uk for full details. There are new classes planned too so please contact us to be kept updated on future venues.

VW

Bowlers end Munro campaign on a high

L L A N T W I T MAJOR bowlers played their final Munro Cup game of the season when they visited Barry Central on Wednesday; against a team weakened by being three players short, Llantwit won 113-35.

Arthur Hayes' rink were behind until drawing level on the sixth end then failed to score for three ends; it took until the 14th end for Llantwit to go in front but Central won the final end to draw the match.

Neville Young's rink found the heavy green not to their liking causing them to bowl a lot of short bowls. After holding the lead throughout Llantwit failed to score on the final six ends, giving Central a share of the spoils.

Graham Jones' rink, facing a rink of only three players, overwhelmed them restricting them to win only three ends. Llantwit finished with a six on the final end to win by 39 shots.

Steve Booker's rink were also playing against only three players who could not cope against a vastly more experienced rink with Llantwit scoring at will, including three ends of six shots, finishing with a winning margin again of

39 shots. Llantwit had another poor result in the league on Saturday, collecting only two points against Bargoed in a 89-80 defeat.

Graham Jones' rink were Llantwit's only winners, losing only five ends out of 21; the rink combined well to out bowl their opponents winning by 20 shots.

Neville Young's rink started well winning the first three ends then lost the next eight ends to go 15 shots behind. Llantwit improved after that, winning the majority of the remaining ends to lose by 11 shots.

Steve Booker's rink were in trouble from the start conceding seven shots on the third end.

Llantwit came back to be only one shot behind on the eighth end but never got close again as Bargoed won most of the final ends to win by 12 shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink were five down after two ends, then Llantwit won the next four ends to be just one shot behind Bargoed, then scored seven shots over the next four ends.

Despite Llantwit scoring six shots in the closing ends they could not overcome the deficit, losing by six shots.

NY

Glan (99) still in bowls action



GLAN BROWN (99) is still playing regularly at Sully Indoor Bowls Club and can still hold his own with the younger players.

He celebrated his birthday on August 15 but a party was held for him at the bowls club on August 13 immediately after a session of 'spoons'.

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Brynhill ladies in championship action

THE Brynhill Championship 2015 was played in cold, wet and blustery conditions.

Many of the ladies followed in buggies with a dozen stalwarts, including the president, Keith Atkinson, and his wife, Brenda, walking.

Sam Pascoe played Gemma Evans, who was three up on the ninth. On the 10th, Gemma lost her ball in a ditch, reducing her lead to two.

Sam found the green on the par 3s, but found

bunkers and trees elsewhere, so Gemma was two after 18.

The weather brightened a little in the afternoon and Gemma moved to five up after nine. She drove into the ditch again on the 10th, although this time the ball was found.

Sam battled on and reduced Gemma's lead to three up on the 15th, and then won the 16th with a par to stay in the game. She took the 17th and 18th as well, so the game went to sudden death.

On the 37th hole,

Sam found a ditch and although Gemma found the sand, she chipped out well and won the match.

Referee Jan said: "The championship match was a delight to referee, it was so exciting to see Sam fight back from six down to all square on the 36th hole, and then Gemma, who had led from the start, winning on the 37th hole, all played fairly in the spirit of our wonderful game of golf."

The Diak was also played in the afternoon

between Julie Harkin and Shirley O'Donovan, who last played in this bronze championship 47 years ago.

Shirley has been in the championship finals 23 times, and won 12 of them, and at over 80, is the oldest player to take part in the Diak.

Although Shirley played a cracking shot from the trees on the second, Julie had a wonderful drive on the third, and took a lead of three up on the third. Shirley fought back steadily until the match was all square on the ninth.

On the 11th, Shirley's third shot flew into the pond, giving Julie the lead again and she moved on to be two up on the 15th.

On the 16th, they both drove the green but Shirley won it to go just one down. On the 17th, Julie was through the green and Shirley just off, and the hole halved.

On the 18th tee, Julie was still one up, but Shirley's fourth shot found the bunker, and although she hit it out eventually and sunk the putt, Julie was already on the green and won the match.

Audrey said: "It was a pleasure to referee a match which was



Robbie Lee, the winner of the GUV Silver Challenge Bowl 2015

played with such friendliness and sportsmanship."

Despite the wind and showers, all the finalists played wonderful golf enjoyed by their many supporters.

A dinner and presentation was held in the clubhouse in the evening, with the competitors giving entertaining speeches.

WELSH TITLE FOR ROBBIE
Robbie Lee won the GUV Silver Challenge Bowl 2015 at Builth Wells, aided by her caddie, Olwen Thomas.

Lady golfers from all over Wales take part in this competition, so congratulations to Robbie, who is the first Brynhill player to win this coveted award.

CH



Finalists and lady captain Glynis.



Julie, Jenny, referee Audrey, Shirley and Judy.



Helen, Sam, Gemma, Anne and referee Jan.

IWAN SETS THE GOLD STANDARD!

LOCAL athlete Iwan Robinson-Booth from St Athan took the title of Welsh National Double Sprint Champion at the recent National Championships in Newport on August 15/16.

Day one of competition saw Iwan win his heat in the under-15 100m to set up an afternoon final with the best athletes in Wales at this level, which he won with a time of 11.53 seconds gaining him a gold medal and

champion status.

Day two was the under-15 200m competition which saw a second place in the heat to ensure final qualification.

Iwan won the afternoon final with a blistering run overtaking the race leader in the home straight whilst recording a time of 23.24 seconds and earning gold medal number two.

For Iwan, who also plays rugby for Llantwit Major RFC and attends Llantwit Comprehensive, this was his first major athletics competition since joining Cardiff AAC in May this year.

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Bridgend Blue Bulls win the Grand Final!



Bridgend Blue Bulls celebrate winning the Grand Final!

BRIDGEND Blue Bulls and Aber Valley Wolves fought out a stunning clash in the Welsh Grand Final for the second successive year with the Bulls taking the title thanks to a try with five minutes to go, winning 34-30.

Last year, Bridgend won 33-30 in a battle

where the lead changed hands a number of times. This year's final was almost identical, with Bridgend improving things by a mere point.

Jack Drydan gave Bridgend a fifth minute lead after scoring in the corner. Gareth Howells missed the conversion.

After almost going two tries down, Aber Valley hit back when Jonny Armitage broke through the Bulls defence. Ryan

Williams' conversion gave them a 6-4 lead.

They weren't leading for long, as Howell broke through on the left hand side and after dodging a couple of Wolves players over the try-line, touched down nearer the sticks to try and make it easier to convert his own try.

However it slipped past the posts and Bridgend went into a slender 8-6 lead.

Wolves went back into the lead on 25

minutes after Darryl Skym was put over on the right and Williams kicked well to make the score 12-8.

Three minutes later, Bridgend levelled after Tom Ansen sold a dummy and ran through the gap to ground. Howells missed for a third time and the scores were level.

A good run down the right centre from Kieren Tomlin gave Bridgend the lead back. Owen Davies took over the kicking duties and landed his side's first goal to make the score 18-12 at the break.

Aber Valley levelled straight from kick-off after Lewis Willacott sprinted over half the length of the field, giving Williams an easy conversion.

Josh Edge tried to put his side ahead but stumbled when put under pressure and while his Greg Inglis goanna-style attempt to score was impressive, it was rightly ruled out as a double movement.

Wolves weren't to be denied. Jordan Gilbert went in under the sticks with Williams converting to give them a 24-18 lead.

They were defending well too. Xavier Manasetava looked to be in for an easy try on the left flank in the final

play of a good attacking set of six from Bridgend, but three Wolves players rushed over to hold him over the line.

As soon as they regained the ball, Lewis Bowden ran down the left to extend his side's lead. Jordan Gilbert converted to make the score 30-18.

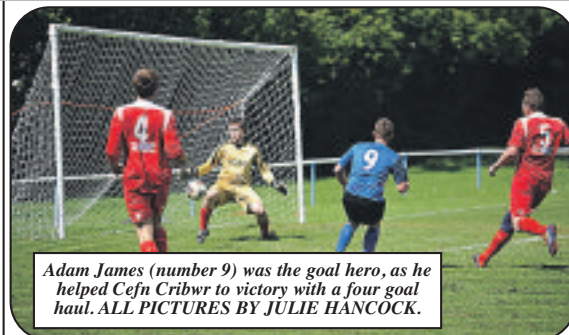
Bridgend reduced the deficit after Dai Griggs ran down the centre and Davies converted then Ansen went over in the corner for his second of the game. Davies goaled again and it was 30-30.

The Bulls had their tails up and from the first set after kick-off, Kieren Tomlin forced his way over to score his second. Davies missed the kick.

Twice Aber Valley Wolves had tries disallowed in the last few minutes as they desperately looked to level, but Bridgend hung on for their second successive title, their eighth in the 13 year history of the competition, to complete a successful day for the Bridgend County Borough.

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Adam James (number 9) was the goal hero, as he helped Cefn Cribwr to victory with a four goal haul. ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK.

CEFN CRIBWR PROGRESS IN FAW TROPHY

THE first competitive game of the season saw Alliance first division outfit Baglan Red Dragons visit Cae Gof for the first round of the FAW Trophy.

It was clear from the start that both sides insisted on keeping the ball and for the first 10 minutes chances were scarce. Then Cefn crafted a chance through some neat build up out wide which set up centre forward Adam James, who slotted home to make it 1-0.

Baglan took a while to get into the game but after half hour a wonder strike from 30 yards out left keeper Richard Jones no chance as it flew in to the top corner.

In the second half, Cefn had the advantage straight from the kick off with a nice 40 yard pass from centre half Jonathan Tiffin who set up Adam James for his second of the game.

Cefn started to get on top of the visitors and fitness showed as James ran at the Baglan defence who were helpless and brought him down in the box, allowing him to secure his hatrick from the spot, sending the keeper the wrong way.

Cefn started to play some neat football with the pressure off and it was only time before the Baglan keeper was made to work again with a pass through from captain Ben Morgan, which James latched onto to make it game over with a



ABOVE and BELOW: Action from the first round of the FAW Trophy as Cefn Cribwr emerged victorious over Baglan Red Dragons to progress to the next round.



sublime finish from outside the box.

Cefn would like to thank the local support who again were second to none and also wish Baglan all the best for the

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ATHLETIC TO GROUND SHARE WITH RAVENS

BRIDGEND Athletic and Bridgend Ravens are to ground share the Brewery Field this coming season with the blessing of the WRU.

The Ath successfully played two games at the Brewery Field last season with two wins against Tondy and Narbeth and now will play most of their first team home games there this season.

These include favourites for promotion to the Premiership, Swansea, North Wales, Pontypool and big spending Merthyr. Thanks to the WRU, only three fixtures clash with Bridgend home games and the Ath are looking to rearrange these fixtures.

The Ath start the Championship season with an away game on

September 5 at Merthyr and then play a local derby against Llanharan on September 12 at the Brewery Field, kick off 2.30pm.

All Bridgend Raven supporters not travelling away with the Ravens will be made most welcome at their home ground!

The Athletic are playing a pre-season friendly away at Clifton, Bristol on August 22.

The Ath coaching set up for the start of the season is led by director of coaching John Apsee with former Wales flanker Gavin Thomas in charge of the forwards and Athletic legend Stuart Morris the backs coach again; Paul Hearne remains team manager.



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